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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday the projected deficit for fiscal year 2009 is anywhere between $9 million and $15 million, mainly because of medical referral and utilities costs, which are underfunded to begin with. He assured, though, that there will be no furloughs or payless paydays.

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Pacific Wine & Spirits Inc.'s Orleyne Tabucanon, left, and host Brad Ruszala, center, prepare to read the name of one of the winners in the cork drawings during the final staging of the 2009 Wine Rally held at Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle in Garapan Thursday night. Hyatt Regency, which emerged as the wine rally winner, will be able to send one of its employees to California for a free Napa Valley tour of wineries.

2 men rob Garapan pawnshop

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Two unidentified men robbed a pawnshop in Garapan of $5,000 worth of assorted jewelry on Wednesday night.

The robbery occurred at the WVC Pawnshop behind the 99 Cents Store in Garapan. No one was reported injured.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that police responded to a report of a robbery at the pawnshop on Wednesday at 7:44pm.

Tarkong said the first suspect was described as 5'6" to 5'8" tall, of large build, and wearing a black shirt, with a

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Senate OKs no-smoking bill

House 'likely' to pass bill

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On a 7-0 vote, the Senate passed yesterday a bill banning smoking in all workplaces and public places, a move welcomed by some 40 representatives of health and anti-smoking advocacy groups who waited patiently for almost two hours for the Senate session to start.

Many of the health advocacy groups' members and supporters led by the CNMI Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition held or posted anti-smoking placards and posters on the Senate

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House sergeant-at-arms Peter Towai collects the anti-smoking posters and banners that health advocacy groups brought to yesterday's session of the Senate.

Survey: NMC faculty dissatisfied with NMC board and president

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Both the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents and its president, Dr. Carmen Fernandez, got poor grades from majority of its faculty, based on a study conducted by students of the Current Issues class.

Based on the NMC accreditation satisfaction survey the students conducted in Spring 2009—a month before the college reaffirmed its accreditation—only 18 percent of the respondents said they were sat-

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Fitial, Heinz, Juan Pan in San Diego Labor Day fest

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What do Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, and businessman Juan "Pan" Guerrero have in common besides being gubernatorial candidates? They will all be in San Diego, California to join some 3,000 CNMI residents now living and working in different states for the Labor Day weekend festivities and to help boost their gubernatorial campaign.

Only former senator Ramon "Kumoi" Guerrero, the fourth gubernatorial bet, is staying behind.

The Commonwealth Election Commission has also sent two staffers to San Diego to help encourage CNMI residents in the U.S. register and participate in the Nov. 7 general elections.

Fitial of the Covenant Party left Wednesday, while Hofschneider of the Republican Party left Saipan last week. Independent candidate Guerrero and his running mate, Floor Leader Joe Camacho, started their U.S. tours on Aug. 24.

One of the highlights of the Labor Day festivities will be the annual softball game participated in by many CNMI residents who have formed their teams mostly by different states where they reside and work now. It will be held at Kit Carson Park in Escondido.

The governor told Saipan Tribune in an earlier interview that he was invited by CNMI residents to grace their Labor Day weekend festivities on Sept. 5 and 6. Labor Day is on Monday, Sept. 7.

Press secretary Charles Reyes said Fitial is expected to deliver remarks on the weekend.

While Hofschneider will have family matters to attend to while on the mainland, he will also meet with CNMI residents during the weekend festivities to campaign, a source privy to the Hofschneider camp confirmed yesterday.

Clyde Norita, campaign manager for the Guerrero-Camacho team, yesterday said it is only "prudent" for any gubernatorial candidate to go to the Labor Day weekend festivities in San Diego to reach out to CNMI residents and voters.

"Absentee votes are critical in gubernatorial elections," Norita told Saipan Tribune when asked for comment yesterday.

The Guerrero and Camacho tandem have been the most aggressive team when it comes to campaigning on the U.S. mainland. On Aug. 24, they were in Salem and Portland, Oregon. Two days later, they were in Seattle, Washington, and then to Boise, Idaho the next day.

On Aug. 29, Guerrero and Camacho went to San Francisco, California, and then to Las Vegas, Nevada on Sept. 1. They will be in San Diego, California starting on Sept. 3, before leaving for Honolulu, Hawaii on Sept. 8.

"So basically, Juan Pan and Joe will meet again with the CNMI residents in San Diego because they've been to most of the states where they live now," said Norita.

As of Sept. 1, 15,167 individuals in the CNMI have registered for the Nov. 7 elections. The election commission does not have data yet as to how many have requested and qualified for absentee voting.

'We're ready as we are now to control borders'

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Even if the start of federalization on Nov. 28 is not delayed, the CNMI will still be capable of managing its borders as it has been, said acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

But Inos yesterday welcomed Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's announcement that he now seeks a one-year delay in the implementation of Public Law 110-229, a position long-shared by the Fitial administration, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sablan said the only reason for his support of a delay is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security lack of readiness to secure CNMI borders, citing little presence on the islands and absence of funding and funding requests barely 90 days before federalization.

"We are managing the ports. Obviously, it will be in our interest to make sure that we manage the ports with or without the federal folks but if federal folks come in and assert authority under [Public Law] 110-229, then they're going to have to do that but we're ready and we're doing it unless they say 'no you don't,'" Inos said in a news briefing on Capital Hill yesterday.

He said Sablan could introduce legislation seeking for the delay.

Attorney General Ed Buckingham has also initiated a special protocol working group to address possible contingencies for Nov. 28.

Yesterday, Buckingham said they are looking into what effects federalization will have on Department of Labor and Division of Immigration personnel, for example.

In the event that federalization is not delayed as the CNMI government has been hoping for, Buckingham said the CNMI has "the personnel, we have the budget, we have the offices… The CNMI is prepared."

Inos said at the appropriate time, the CNMI will engage DHS in discussion regarding these matters.

Buckingham and Inos also presented to the media yesterday newly appointed deputy attorney general, Joseph Taijeron.

'No new costs'

Inos also clarified that the Fitial administration has not incurred new costs since after the court hearing on its lawsuit against federalization in March. The CNMI government hired the U.S.-based

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Faisao takes over DCCA helm as it new chief

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After serving numerous times as acting Secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Melvin Faisao will soon take over the agency's helm after the Senate confirmed his nomination to the position yesterday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial nominated Faisao on Aug. 18 to be the new chief executive officer of the department, following the indefinite leave of former DCCA Secretary Cecilia T. Celes.

Faisao will have to be sworn in to make his appointment official.

In an inquiry with the governor's press secretary yesterday, Charles Reyes Jr. said he has no confirmation if Celes had resigned from her former position.

E-mail inquiries sent by *Saipan Tribune* to Celes were left unanswered at press time.

Faisao was the agency's deputy secretary and assisted in the operation of eight divisions under the department.

Faisao expressed elation yesterday upon learning of the Senate's positive action on his nomination.

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations had recommended that the full Senate give its advice and consent to confirm Faisao, describing the official as an asset to the agency.

In an interview with Faisao yesterday, he thanked the governor and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos for his appointment, and expressed appreciation to those who supported his Senate confirmation, including Carolinian Affairs Office executive director Angie Iginoef-Mangarero, and the DCCA staff.

Faisao has been with the DCCA since 2006, serving as the agency's deputy secretary.

The new DCCA chief said his leadership will focus on compliance, transparency, and accountability in promoting the department's social welfare programs.

He declined to comment on the "resignation" of Celes when asked.

Three other re-appointees also got the unanimous approval of the Senate yesterday: Marian Pierce-Aldan, who was re-appointed to the Marianas Visitors Authority board on Aug. 20; Emma Villagomez, also to the MVA board; and Pedro Itibus, for the Commonwealth Development Authority board of directors.

The three are expected to be sworn in soon.

FCC yet to issue decision on NMC's radio station transfer

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The Federal Communications Commission has yet to issue a decision on the formal transfer of the license of Northern Marianas College's KRNM radio station to a nonprofit, educational entity.

The radio station had stopped operating due to funding problems.

In a statement yesterday, NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez said that, although the FCC has not announced a decision yet, the college "is pleased that the process is moving forward."

"We are glad that the assignment process is moving forward so that residents of the CNMI can continue to enjoy listening to national news, educational programs, and other cultural features featured on the station," said Fernandez, adding that once they hear from the FCC about the decision on its application, NMC will let the community know.

While waiting for the decision, Fernandez said KRNM will still bring public radio programs to the CNMI's listening community through an arrangement with KPRG, a non-profit radio station in Guam.

Saipan Tribune learned that NMC completed and filed on July 14, 2009, the application for the assignment of KRNM's FCC license to Marianas Educational Media Services.

As part of the application package, the college was required to publicize the proposed assignment for notification purposes and to seek public comment.

NMC said the notification was announced on the air in July. Before filing the application, NMC also went through an extensive process to complete and review the application to ensure compliance with FCC requirements.

The application requests FCC approval to assign two licenses—88.1FM and 89.1FM—to Marianas Educational Media Services.

It was in a meeting in September 2008 when the NMC Board of Regents voted to support the assignment of KRNM's noncommercial license to a nonprofit, educational entity.

The Marianas Educational Media Services had offered to continue the public radio format broadcast in the Northern Marianas, including the airing of National Public Radio programming, and the offer was accepted by the NMC management and the KRNM Advisory Council.

Because of the continuing decline in CNMI government revenues and subsequent budget cuts, NMC was compelled to focus its energy and resources on its core, academic programs in education, health, business, and student learning support services over nonacademic programs.

FCC granted NMC a license to broadcast non-commercial public radio programming on KRNM, 88.1 FM on Feb. 2, 1998.

KRNM was originally established with federal funds with a goal to eventually become self-sustaining with non-college funding. Unfortunately, this goal was never reached, and after more than 10 years, the operations of the radio station continue to be heavily subsidized by NMC.

DPH: Flu cases in NMI have slowed down

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Public Health officials assured yesterday that the number of flu cases in the CNMI have considerably gone down in the last few weeks.

DPH acting Secretary Pete Untalan said this is attributed in part to the proactive efforts they have been implementing since the global outbreak of the 2009 novel H1N1 flu virus.

Last month, DPH estimated over a hundred individuals on the islands who are presumed to have contracted the virus. DPH also reported earlier a spike in the number of flu cases on Tinian.

"We're now safe," assured Medical Director Dr. Richard Brostrom.

Brostrom reiterated his earlier statement that the virus is not as deadly as was perceived during the early stage of the outbreak.

Untalan also assured that the Emergency Operations Center would continue with their monitoring and mitigation efforts such as the upcoming flu vaccination program, flu prevention school outreach and flu W.A.T.C.H. campaign.

Untalan and epidemiologist Ed Diaz were on Tinian yesterday morning where they held school presentations on the swine flu guidelines, based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I think that our message was well-received in the community. We want to stress that we are diligent in addressing the issue," Untalan said.

He said this was the result of a good working relationship among the management and staff of the EOC.

Untalan said that as part of their proactive efforts and to establish a partnership with the media, a regular weekly press conference would be held every Thursday for updates on heath issues.

Other members of the EOC present at the press conference were DPH information officer Roxanne Diaz, bioterrorism planner Warren Villagomez, Immunization manager Mariana Coats, and Bureau of Environmental Health officer Lily Kapileo.

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law firm Jenner & Block to represent it in the lawsuit against the federal government.

In March, Judge Paul L. Friedman of the U.S. District Court for Washington, D.C. said he would take under advisement the U.S. government's motion to dismiss the federalization lawsuit, as well as the CNMI's request for preliminary injunction to suspend labor provisions of Public Law 110-229.

The federal judge has yet to issue a ruling on the case, but Inos hopes a decision will be made soon.

Inos said the $50,000 retainer's fee is an estimate that the CNMI, as the client, would pay to Jenner & Block if the case is active.

"So far, since the hearing in March, nothing has really happened from the standpoint of attorney's fees and costs. No agreement to pay for April to July. Zero. Nothing. No billing. No expenses incurred from May, June, July," he said.

Jenner & Block billed the CNMI close to $400,000 between August 2008 and February 2009 in representing the government in its fight against federalization.

Based on 30 pages of documents that the Office of the Attorney General handed to Rep. Tina Sablan (I-Saipan) on Monday, the exact billing was $395,971.81 between Aug. 26, 2008 and Feb. 27, 2009.

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Attorney general Edward Buckingham and Deputy Attorney General Joseph Taijeron during yesterday's news briefing.

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white shirt wrapped around his head to cover his face.

The second suspect, who reportedly served as a lookout, was described as about 5'10" to 5'11" tall, skinny, wearing a hair net and black shirt, and had a black handkerchief covering his face.

Tarkong said investigation showed that while an employee of WVC Pawnshop was behind the counter, the first suspect, armed with a small bat, walked into the establishment.

The first suspect smashed all of the five display cases and grabbed handfuls of jewelry.

The second suspect just stood outside the shop as a lookout. The two suspects then fled on foot toward the Lower Miha area.

Police officers searched the vicinity of Lower Miha, but failed to locate the robbers.

Tarkong said the NMI Crime Stoppers Program is offering up to $1,000 cash to anyone who could provide information leading to the arrest of any of the suspects.

Last July 29, a masked man armed with a gun robbed 10-21 Poker in Kagman III. A responding police officer recovered near the crime scene $4,000 in cash believed to have been stolen from the poker arcade.

NMC

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isfied with the board's performance, compared to 35 percent who said that they are dissatisfied.

The same survey indicates that the NMC president also got a failing grade from respondents, who said 53 percent were very dissatisfied with the current hiring practices at the college. Only 3 percent said they were satisfied.

The *Saipan Tribun* obtained the results of the study just yesterday.

An analysis of the survey results showed that 12 of the 34 faculty members surveyed said they were not satisfied with the effectiveness of the NMC board. Furthermore, 9 out of the 34 respondents (26 percent) said they were "very dissatisfied" with the board's effectiveness.

This translates to 61 percent of total respondents expressing various level of dissatisfaction with the board's effectiveness.

The same survey indicates that "75 percent of faculty surveyed have some level of dissatisfaction with the [college's] current hiring practices," the report said, adding that the high level of dissatisfaction may be due to the amount of vacancies that need to be filled and concerns over the existing two-year contracts.

More than half of the faculty surveyed, 52 percent, also said they are not comfortable freely expressing themselves to their president, compared to 30 percent who said otherwise.

As for Fernandez's management style, the results showed that roughly half of the faculty, or 42 percent, were satisfied with her style, while a little over half, or 58 percent, had some level of dissatisfaction.

An overwhelming 71 percent of the respondents support an indefinite contract for faculty members. Under the proposal, the president can only terminate a contract if sufficient cause exists.

"Faculty members feel that two-year contract system fails to provide adequate job security. A contract system with more job security means more stability among faculty members," the report added.

'Students' right to know'

Sam McPhetres, professor of the NMC Current Issues class, described the study as something his students really wanted to know.

"They want to find out…and based on their study, there were a lot of uncertainties," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

He said among the notable findings that must be addressed are the "job security" and "high turnover rate" of employees at the college.

A copy of the study has been provided to the college management.

According to the students, the survey questions were distributed to various departments and responses were submitted anonymously to survey group members.

The two-party study first surveyed the students about their feeling and concerns about the accreditation status of NMC. The second focused on the faculty and staff and their satisfaction level with the board and the president.

The total number of surveys distributed was 350 for 333 total respondents. Response rate, they said, was at 95 percent.

It was the intent of the survey to use the data to make recommendations for improvement in an effort to increase stability among faculty members.

Members of the team included Jonathan Kiyoshi, Sarah Sablan, RosRee-Ann Leon Guerrero, Amanda Cruz, Michelle Avila, Therese Polig, Derick Reyes, Michael Esplin, Jan Michael Reyes, and Chunyi Liu.

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chamber's walls to get their message across.

Senate Vice Pres. Felix Mendiola, who was ill, and Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan), who was off island, were excused from the session.

All the seven senators present voted yes on House Bill 16-47, HD2, SD1, CCS1 or the "Smoke-free Air Act of 2008."

The Senate earlier took up the bill but sent it to committee where some amendments were made, and a conference committee was called.

The House of Representatives has to adopt the same conference committee report on the bill and pass it, before the measure could reach the governor's desk for action.

The Fitial administration has yet to issue a statement whether to support or junk the bill if it passes the House.

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), in an interview yesterday, said the lower house is "likely" to pass the bill during a session tentatively set for Tuesday.

Under House Bill 16-47, HD2, SD1, CCS1, smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas and outdoor areas within 25 feet of any doorway entrance or exit to a government facility.

It also bans smoking in enclosed areas of public places.

Smoking is also prohibited in enclosed facilities within places of employment or within 25 feet of any person who is not smoking if the place or site of work is an outdoor area or area other than an enclosed area, without exception.

The smoking ban does not apply to bars, private residences, and retail tobacco stores, as well as hotel rooms and private rooms in nursing homes that are designated as smoking.

A person who smokes in a designated no-smoking area faces a penalty not exceeding $50 for a first violation, up to $100 for a second violation, up to $200 for a third and subsequent violation and the completion of a mandatory tobacco prevention and/or cessation course.

Besides members and supporters of the Drug and Substance Abuse Coalition and the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition, also present at the Senate session were members and personnel of the Community Guidance Center, Ayuda Network, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Education and Extension Services, Commonwealth Cancer Association, and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

'Less patients at CHC'

In a news briefing, Public Health medical director Richard Brostrom said the passage of the bill banning smoking in workplaces and public areas is expected to significantly reduce the number of patients visiting the Commonwealth Health Center.

He said these types of patients include pediatric, and those with asthma, skin diseases, and heart attack.

Brostrom, as well as John Gonzales, who appeared at yesterday's Senate session, said they were thrilled by the Senate's support, and thanked newly confirmed Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao for making a strong statement for the legislation.

"This is a big step for public health, a process that started three years ago. We are grateful that it was finally passed," Brostrom said.

Brostrom said they are confident that this will not hurt business.

He said the most important thing is that there would be fewer people who will get cancer in the CNMI.

Cigarette smoking has been considered as the single most critical risk associated with the leading chronic diseases in the CNMI including cancer, heart disease and emphysema.

George J. Cruz, chairman of the CNMI Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, said if the legislation is enacted into law, the CNMI becomes the last of the many Pacific island nations "to finally pass a smoke-free law, and not just any law, but also a comprehensive law."

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As of end-August, the government had already reached the maximum budget of $148 million for FY 2009, said Inos.

Echoing press secretary Charles Reyes' earlier statement, Inos said the government would have been in a better financial position had the Legislature implemented austerity measures.

But Inos, who oversees all government finances, also said that, despite the freeze on new non-critical expenditures under the Executive Branch effective Sept. 1, there's money to cover for the two remaining pay periods before the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30.

Each government pay period costs $3.5 million to $4 million.

"If at the end of the fiscal year we pay everything that we [are supposed to] pay, then the deficit would probably be between $9 million and $15 million but a lot of it have to do with medical referral costs, which surged in the last fiscal year as opposed to previous fiscal years, and utilities expenses, which were essentially under-budgeted in the current fiscal year," he said in a news briefing on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

Under the FY 2009, the government's maximum budget authority is $148 million.

Revenue slide

In July and August, the government saw "some slide in revenue collections" but Inos said the amount is not significant.

"Any overrun will be on the expenditure side, and not because of shortfall in resources," he said.

The administration said it will also work with the Legislature to see whether it's feasible to address the FY 2009 shortfall in the FY 2010 budget.

Inos said the Fitial administration still expects the Marianas Public Lands Trust to remit $4.1 million to the general fund, referring to another meeting with MPLT.

The amount was listed as "recovered interest resource" in the FY 2009 budget and that MPLT was willing to give the money during the budget preparations.

Inos said even if the government receives the money 60 days after the end of fiscal year, it would still be considered resources for the just ended fiscal year.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is now in California, issued a directive on Aug. 31 ordering a freeze on new obligations and expenditures using local funds for the remainder of the fiscal year due to "potential budgetary shortfall." Exempted are "emergencies affecting critical services" with prior approval of the governor and the lieutenant governor. The directive took effect on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The directive does not apply to federally funded programs and other activities funded outside of the general fund.

'No formal request'

In recent weeks, top U.S. military officials, including U.S. Navy secretary Ray Mabus, have visited the CNMI to meet with the governor, lieutenant governor, lawmakers and mayors, among other officials.

But Inos clarified that the CNMI government has not received any formal offer or request—only "overtures"—from the U.S. military to use the island of Pagan for training of forces. The military is leasing two-thirds of Tinian lands.

But Inos said pozzolan mining on Pagan—a volcanic island located 173 nautical miles north of Saipan—is not a dead issue.

Rep. Stanley Torres (R-Saipan) earlier raised the same concern that while U.S. military generals, admirals, and other federal officials have visited the CNMI recently, no one has made any specific request to use more lands in the Commonwealth for military purposes in light of the buildup in Guam.

WIC expands food outlets, invites farmers to join

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The CNMI Women Infants Children program has expanded its food outlets on Saipan beginning Oct. 1 and is inviting local farmers to join the program in an effort to promote local produce.

Nutrition services coordinator Erin Angela Camacho, RD, CLC, said three new authorized stores would be added: Sara Market II on Capital Hill, San Jose Market in San Jose, and Super Fresh in Chalan Kanoa.

Camacho also said they have approved five farmers who would be authorized to accept the cash value vouchers.

"We are still accepting applications for farmers," said Camacho, adding that this is a continuous enrollment. To be eligible, a farmer must be a part of the Saipan Sabalu Market Association.

Interested applicants may visit the WIC program office on Capital Hill. For more information, call 664-4067.

WIC is now ready with the new food packages beginning Oct. 1.

"As WIC often issues three months of vouchers at a time, we've now started issuing WIC new food package vouchers that will be redeemed in October," Camacho said.

WIC families will be getting fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains such as 100 percent whole wheat bread and brown rice, and low fat milk options.

CONTACT INFO
WIC Program: 664-4067

Babies at six months and up will be getting baby food, fruits, vegetables, and meat.

Fresh fruits and vegetable vouchers will also be redeemable at authorized farmers' market vendors in addition to the regular WIC stores.

Camacho said the new WIC foods offer healthier food choices for the family, and helps get the nutrients to breastfeed one's baby, makes healthy low fat milk choices, eats more whole grains including bread, rice, and cereals, and provides one's baby with nutritious baby food, fruits and vegetables instead of just juice.

Data showed that there were 5,099 certified participants on all three islands (Saipan, 4,635; Tinian, 254; and Rota, 210) in August.

These included 1,035 women, 854 infants, and 2,746 children on Saipan; 48 women, 39 infants, and 167 children on Tinian; and 38 women, 37 infants, and 135 children on Rota.

There are 141 who are exclusively nursing infants—full breastfeeding—broken down into Saipan, 132; Tinian, 5; and Rota, 4; and 225 who are partial nursing—both breastfeeding and formula feeding—broken down into Saipan, 206; Tinian, 8; and Rota, 11.

Worker protests Labor's alleged erroneous order

An alien worker has sued the Department of Labor after her request to transfer to a new employer was denied despite an alleged erroneous Labor order.

Merlinda Gaboya asked the Superior Court to review the orders issued by Labor hearing officer Deanne Siemer and then Labor acting Secretary Jacinta Kaipat.

Gaboya, through the O'Connor law firm, asked the court to set aside the decisions of Siemer and Kaipat and allow her to transfer to a new employer.

Gaboya, together with 16 co-workers, had filed a lawsuit in October 2008 in federal court against their employer, Eastern Hope Corp., for unpaid wages.

On the same day, Gaboya alone filed a labor complaint against Eastern Hope, raising the same issues.

The overlap occurred because the worker had sought assistance from the Federal Ombudsman's Office at the same time that some of her co-workers were seeking help from private counsel for her and co-workers.

The Ombudsman acted separately and simultaneously in different forums.

In order to avoid duplicative litigation, Gaboya and Eastern Hope agreed to a mediation of the Labor case on Oct. 27, 2008. The Labor case was taken off calendar pending resolution of the federal case.

Herbert Soll, the presiding officer at the mediation, also concurred with and approved this approach.

Despite this agreement, the Labor case was set for a hearing on Dec. 9, 2008.

In an order, Siemer said if Gaboya is successful in her Labor case, the hearing officer will consider her request for transfer at that time.

On Dec. 2, 2008, a third hearing officer, Jerry Cody, contacted Gaboya's counsel regarding the stipulation since Labor was attempting to clear its backlog of cases.

Cody asked if Gaboya would agree to dismiss her Labor complaint without prejudice or finality, instead of keeping it active pending resolution of the federal case.

Gaboya's counsel agreed, so long as it did not result in her losing the right to seek transfer after the resolution of her wage claim.

Ultimately, on April 17, 2009, Siemer entered an alleged altogether different order from that which had previously been agreed with Cody.

Siemer dismissed the Labor case but also stated that "complainant has no further eligibility for transfer."

Gaboya appealed to the Labor Secretary. In June 2009, she settled her case in federal court.

Kaipat, as acting Labor Secretary on July 28, 2009, affirmed Siemer's order.

According to the O'Connor law firm, Gaboya only made the motion to dismiss in the first place at the justification of the hearing officer and then on the condition that doing so would not result in her losing transfer rights. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Naraja bars deposition testimony of paralyzed victim

Prosecution brings deposition issue to Supreme Court

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The Office of the Attorney General appealed yesterday to the CNMI Supreme Court a decision by Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja to bar the prosecution from using the deposition testimony of a stabbing victim who is now reportedly paralyzed.

The ongoing jury trial of John Namauleg in the Superior Court is on hold pending the high court's ruling on the issue. The trial court is supposed to start on Tuesday.

Namauleg is on trial for attempted second-degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and aggravated assault and battery.

The victim, Yahui Tian, a Chinese, sustained three stab wounds. Her left side of body and legs are reportedly paralyzed as a result of her injuries. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the victim is now in China.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Meyer filed before the Supreme Court yesterday an emergency motion to put the jury trial on hold. He also filed a motion to compel Naraja to use the victim's deposition testimony in the case.

Deposition refers to the taking of the testimony of a party or witness under oath before a court reporter, in a place away from the courtroom before trial. This testimony can be read into the record if the witness is not available during the trial.

In the government's motion for immediate stay, Meyer stressed that this is a second-degree attempted murder case and the victim is now paralyzed.

Meyer said the deposition testimony is the sole identification evidence linking Namauleg to the attack on the victim, Yahui Tian.

"Without the evidence, the Commonwealth will be forced to dismiss this case, to the extreme prejudice of justice," the prosecutor said.

Because the Superior Court is currently proceeding with the case, if the high court does not act at once, the government will effectively be denied the ability to appeal, Meyer said.

"The Commonwealth believes that it has a meritorious appeal and that it will succeed on the merits if it is allowed to proceed," he said.

The trial of Namauleg began on Monday. On the second day of trial on Tuesday, the prosecution called to the stand several government witnesses.

Chief Public Defender Adam Hardwicke had objected Tuesday to the prosecution's use of Tian's deposition on the ground that it was barred because the government failed to prove that the witness was available.

On Wednesday, additional arguments were heard about the deposition issue. But Naraja ruled from the bench upholding Hardwicke's objection to the use of deposition testimony.

On the same day, Wednesday, the government filed a notice of appeal. Yesterday morning, Naraja denied the government's motion to stay the trial.

Meyer moved to stay proceedings on the ground that the issue of whether Naraja's decision to exclude the use of the victim's deposition testimony necessitates that the prosecution dismiss this case for lack of evidence.

According to police, Tian had just arrived from church on the evening of Feb. 24, 2008, and was about to take a shower in the barracks' bathroom in Afetna when Namauleg, armed with a knife, attacked her.

Namauleg, an ex-convict, pleaded not guilty.

PSS wins million dollar-plus competitive grant

Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Education has announced that it will award over one million dollars in competitive grant funds to the CNMI Public School System for training and development, instructional materials, and school improvement.

In a letter to U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), Assistant Secretary of Education for Legislation and Congressional Affairs Gabriella Gomez said that PSS would receive $1,016,277 over the next three years.

"I am thrilled that the Public School system was able to obtain this competitive grant, which will help PSS to improve literacy and math skills, as well as teacher preparation and training," said Sablan.

Awarded under the Territories and Freely Associated States Educational Grants Program, the money may be used for teacher training, curriculum, development, instructional materials, or general school improvement and reform.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to improve the way our students learn and offer new tools for teachers," added Sablan, "and I am confident that it will have a positive effect and help students with those basic skills that are so important in pursuing a quality education."

PSS intends to use the funds for an "Improving Literacy in Reading and Math Project," which will enhance teacher quality and student achievement to help meet the district's goal of 90 percent proficiency by 2014. Resources will be focused on professional development, support for English language learners, math and reading technology, and extra support for parental literacy and struggling students. ***(PR)***

Free health screening for OFWs

The Philippine Consulate General will be hosting the 3rd Quarter "Free Health Screenings for OFWs" this Sunday, Sept. 6, at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza building. Registration is at 6am to 8:00am and the actual conduct of the activity will be from 8am until noon.

Macaraig

Philippine Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig said this quarterly health screening program by the Philippine Consulate, Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is done in cooperation with the Filipinos Volunteer Medical Team and Hardt Eye Clinic.

The medical services include blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision check-ups. Macaraig is reminding OFWs who will avail of blood sugar level check-up to refrain from taking solid and liquid food from 12 midnight to the time of actual testing.

In the last two quarters of this year, there were a total of 647 and 171 OFWs who availed of the blood pressure/sugar and vision check-ups and the average number of OFWs who come for check-ups every quarter is at 400.

"We wish that this project would continue so that we can increase the level of awareness on diabetes prevention and control, hypertension prevention, eye/vision pressure correction among the OFWs and among ourselves as public servants," said Macaraig.

"Through this project, the Philippine Consulate General hopes to reach more and serve, even if in the modest way, the medical needs of our toiling OFWs by fostering the spirit of volunteerism among the Medical Volunteers Team and Hardt Eye Clinic, in the true spirit of Filipino *bayanihan* here on Saipan," he added. ***(PR)***

NMI is first in Western Pacific to have mobile hospital

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The CNMI became the first in the Pacific region to own a Mobile Field Hospital with a capacity of 50 beds that would be primarily used in the event of a major natural or man-made disaster.

The federally funded mobile hospital is a pneumatic isolation shelter system that has all the main features of a real hospital such as emergency room, laboratory, clean water supply, wastewater storage, isolation room, etc.

This could be set up in a few minutes, is transportable, spacious and could be set up anywhere for an extended time.

It is self-sustaining with its own power source, air conditioning unit, water and plumbing system, and negative pressure capabilities.

Instructors from the U.S. mainland will be arriving next week to conduct a training on how to use the mobile hospital, including the president of Fire Safety Instruction of North America, the company that manufactured it.

Photo shows the Mobile Field Hospital parked in front of the Commonwealth Health Center. The CNMI is first in the Western Pacific to own such a facility.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

The training will be held at the parking lot of the Commonwealth Health Center on Sept. 11-12.

The CNMI Office of Homeland Security funded the project, worth $414,000

Acting Public Health Secretary Pete Untalan said the CNMI requested this equipment in 2005 and had almost lost interest in the project.

"Now it's here. We ordered it last year. We spent about six months to put it together,' he said.

Untalan

Untalan, who held a presentation on current health issues on Tinian yesterday morning, said that Tinian Health Center officials also want to have their own mobile hospital.

He said DPH plans to put up one on both Tinian and Rota, although these would be smaller, about 25 beds.

Untalan said this is part of efforts to improve the delivery of health care services in the CNMI.

"We will not be left standing during an earthquake, a typhoon or a possible aircraft disaster," Untalan said.

He said this project is a collaboration effort between DPH and partner agencies like the Saipan Mayor's Office, Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and others.

Warren Villagomez of the Bioterrorism/Pandemic Flu Preparedness Office said there is one mobile hospital in Hawaii but it is owned by the international airport there, funded through the Federal Aviation Agency.

'Reorganized' Youth Congress starts youth voter registration

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The CNMI Youth Congress is bracing for more members this year when it elects the 12th Youth Congress leadership following the enactment of a law that reorganized its composition last year.

According to Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP-Reyes, Public Law 16-23 reorganized the Youth Congress composition by reducing the number of senators from three to one for both election precincts 1 and 3.

In addition, the law allows for one additional school senator for every 300 students over 300, reducing this number from the original one additional school senator for every 500 students over 1,000 students.

"Although the law reduces the number of precinct representatives, the additional seats given to schools with a population of 600 or more will offset the number of seats reduced at the precinct level," SP-Reyes said.

Marianas High School, for example, averages about 1,200 students per academic year. It will now have 2 or 3 representatives at a minimum.

The number of representatives to the 12th Youth Congress, SP-Reyes said, will depend on the student enrollment for MHS, Kagman High School, Saipan Southern High, Tinian High, and Rota High School.

The same public law also changed the general election from the third Monday in September to the third Monday in October, which moves the organizational session from October to the third Saturday of November.

Inauguration, meantime, will be on Nov. 21 in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

SP-Reyes said that registration for the next Youth Congress leadership is ongoing at private schools; it will start in public schools when classes open next week.

Deadline for voter registration and candidacy nominating petitions for private and public schools are scheduled today and Oct. 2, respectively.

The Legislative Bureau director also disclosed that for the current Fiscal Year 2009, the Youth Congress was appropriated a $42,300 budget, of which $21,262 was spent for personnel and $21,038 for operations.

For Fiscal Year 2010, the governor proposed $30,935 for the Youth Congress, which will be used for its personnel, $15,974; and all others, $14,961.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday greetings to Pratham Grung, who celebrated his first birthday on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, in San Antonio with family and friends. We wish you best! Greetings come from family and friends.

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Fund sets new regs for delinquent loans

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In an effort to standardize its loan collection procedures, the CNMI Retirement Fund is proposing new rules and regulations to address delinquent loans with its home loan program.

Under the proposed new rules, the Fund will issue a delinquent notice to debtors 30 days after the due date of payments and will continue to do so and charge late fees as long as there are past due accounts.

If the account remains delinquent past 60 days, the Fund will issue a second 30-day notice indicating that if the payments do not improve and the account continues to deteriorate, the Fund may take legal action.

If the account becomes more delinquent and exceeds 90 days, a third notice will be issued indicating that if the payments still do not improve within 30 days, the account would be referred to a foreclosure attorney for action.

After the account exceeds 120 days, a final notice or notice of default would be issued and forwarded to the foreclosure attorney for legal action without further notice.

However, delinquent accounts that exceed 120 days may be granted several options to bring the account current. These are through full payment at maturity, balloon payment, refinance and deed in lieu of foreclosure.

But these one-time options only.

The new regulations state that any deviations or defaults on the agreed upon options shall result in the automatic transfer of the account to the foreclosure attorney for immediate processing.

Fully paid at maturity means a borrower agrees to pay off the loan by the original maturity date, including penalty fees.

Balloon payment is when the borrower agrees to pay the loan to a maximum of one-fourth of the original loan amount with balloon payment at the original maturity date, including penalty fees.

Refinancing means that the loan's total outstanding balance, including past due and penalties due, will be rescheduled over a new 360-month term to be processed as if a new loan under the new regulations.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 4, 2000

CPA rolls back airport fees

The Commonwealth Ports Authority on Saturday decided to roll back existing airport departure facility charge from $8 to $5.79 per passenger, a development that resulted from a series of discussions between CPA officials and CNMI signatory airlines representatives. Board Chair Roman S. Palacios said the rollback will result to substantial savings on the part of the airline companies without adverse impact on CPA's capabilities to meet its airport bond indenture. The decision by the CPA Board of Directors came in the wake of pressing requests from foreign carriers to reduce airport charges to the pre-March 2000 level.

Teno signs law expanding weapons control

Giving minors access to guns is now a crime in the CNMI, punishable with up to a month in prison and fine of not more than $1,000 under a law signed last Friday. Public Law 12-17, otherwise known as the Minor Children Firearms Control Act of 2000, also requires gun owners to secure their weapons away from children. A violation constitutes a $500 fine and a three-day jail sentence. In signing the law, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio reminded it does not diminish the provision of the Weapons Control Act that requires anyone who possesses, uses or carries a firearm to have an identification card.

Sept. 4, 2001

AGO recommends closure of 52 'sex houses'

The Attorney General's Office is recommending the revocation of the business permits of at least 52 licensed establishments on Saipan that were found to have been secretly operating a prostitution den. Tourist-Related Crime Prevention Task Force Chair and Attorney General Herb Soll disclosed government lawyers have already petitioned to revoke the business permits of the 52 establishments. The recommendation came following a series of investigations against the proliferation of sex trade in the Western Garapan area. "These establishments are falsely operating under the pretense of running a different business. They applied for a certain business but are actually operating prostitution dens," said Soll in an interview.

School enforces anti-dropout program

Educators are rallying to eliminate the high incidence of student dropout in the Northern Marianas by addressing the issue at the earliest, most crucial stage: At the lower grade levels. The Garapan Elementary School, led by Principal Juan L. Babauta, over the weekend took strides to strengthen its hold on students through a Megaskills Workshop that aimed to make the best out of student learning. Around 100 GES teachers took part in a series of activities that focused on improving students' confidence, motivation, responsibility and other virtues.

Sept. 4, 2002

Legislature may close down

The CNMI government has reached its $193 million limit as of August 28 last week, prompting House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider yesterday to declare that the lower chamber may have to close down starting today. Even as he was speaking, a letter arrived from Gov. Juan N. Babauta, saying that he need not do that since the money allotted to the lower chamber has not been impounded yet and remains available for expenditure by the lawmakers. Hofschneider pointed out, however, that although the lower chamber is indeed solvent and has not exceeded its budgeted resources, spending that remaining money for the fiscal year would amount to the House giving implicit approval to deficit spending—a stance that the lower chamber had vigorously opposed from the start.

Who killed Moses Saburo?

Moses Saburo, the first recipient of Saipan Tribune's Person of the Year award for mustering the courage to come out and admit that he carries the virus that causes AIDS, died at dawn Saturday. Saburo, however, did not die of the AIDS virus or of any complication that may have resulted from him being a carrier of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. He died of what police believe a violent death. A couple of hours past midnight Saturday, Aug. 31, a housewife from China Town by the Taro Sue Store reportedly heard loud pounding on their window. The poundings were accompanied by what could be loud cries for help. A report obtained from the Department of Public Safety stated that the homeowners, upon waking up from the shouts and poundings, saw a man lying on the pavement. The man, who turned out to be Saburo, was reportedly on his back with blood streaming from his head.

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A familiar pitch

It would be easy to dismiss North Korea's diplomacy as crude, mendacious and comically repetitive—if only it had not proved so effective. Over the past 15 years, the nuclear-armed Stalinist state has yo-yoed between bellicose provocations directed at South Korea, Japan and the United States and promises of far-reaching cooperation. With each schizophrenic swing it has demanded—and usually received—political and economic bribes, sustaining a regime that has starved millions of its people and imprisoned or enslaved millions of others.

The latest hinge between Pyongyang's two facades was provided at the beginning of this month by former President Clinton, who met with dictator Kim Jong Il to win the release of two American journalists. The meeting provided a huge boost for Mr. Kim, who is seeking to restore his authority after a stroke and install a son as his successor, and who had greeted the Obama administration with hostility. His regime abruptly dropped that offensive—which included new nuclear and missile tests—and began dispatching envoys who sweetly proposed negotiations with Seoul and Washington.

Once again, there is no subtlety here. North Korea wants to establish direct bilateral talks with the United States—excluding China, Japan and other members of the "six-party" group organized by the Bush administration. Having fractured the leverage provided by the six-party alliance, it would then demand more U.S. economic and political concessions in exchange for promises to freeze and eventually dismantle its nuclear and missile programs. It sold the same bill of goods to the two previous U.S. administrations; in both those cases, Mr. Kim reneged on his commitments and returned to brinkmanship. As former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger recently has written, this pattern of behavior not only has kept the regime economically afloat but has also allowed it to steadily improve and protect its nuclear arsenal without incurring severe economic sanctions or prolonged isolation.

The Obama administration has been saying that it intends to break this cycle. It has taken some steps in the right direction by renewing the squeeze on North Korea's finances and winning approval of a U.N. resolution cracking down on Pyongyang's arms trafficking. Encouragingly, a ship reportedly carrying North Korean weapons to Iran was seized by the United Arab Emirates recently. The administration has said that North Korea must return to the six-party negotiations. But, in keeping with its belief in dialogue with rogue states, it also has appointed a special envoy for North Korea, Stephen W. Bosworth; the State Department says he will be dispatched to Asia soon for consultations on how to respond to North Korea's latest offers. Earlier this year, Mr. Bosworth declared his readiness to go to Pyongyang "whenever it appears to be useful" and hinted at "incentives" for the regime. If that occurs without a decisive change in North Korean behavior, Mr. Kim's crude but effective diplomacy will have triumphed again.

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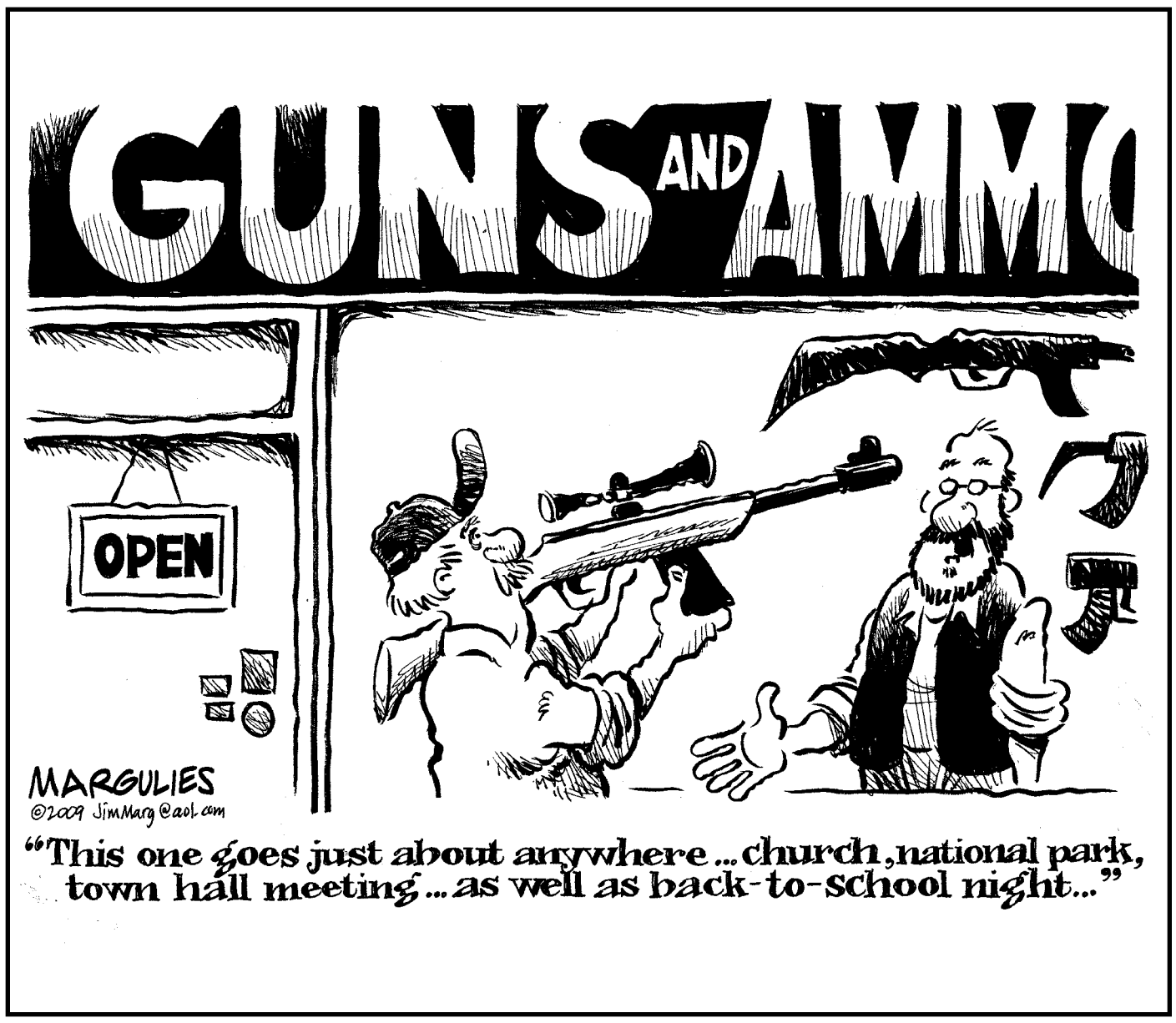
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These three things

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One of the best things about the CNMI business community is that it's got ties to a lot of interesting places: the Philippines, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and Russia feature prominently on the list. But there are other places, too: One Taiwanese on Saipan landed me a consulting contract in Malaysia once. And I know a few folks who have gone to Vietnam to work. But I'll end the roll here since I'm not trying to be comprehensive about it.

Suffice it to say that some folks want to figure out how viable various places might be for enterprise, and likewise, how much economic potential they might have overall.

I've got a simple, three-item list I use to get some feel for the economic potential of any place I visit. It's hardly scientific, but it's based on a pretty substantial amount of travel and economic study. It's concerned with easily observable human behavior; you don't even need a calculator or a computer to use it.

By contrast there are, of course, all sorts of technical measures of economic performance. There's Gross Domestic Product, Net National Product, National Income, Personal Income, Disposable Income, Discretionary Income, all the above in per-capita terms, and all of the above in price parity terms, and there are rates of change of all this stuff, and so on. There's nothing wrong with this stuff, but it's a look at the past, not the future, and to get too far into it becomes mere bean counting.

As for my ingenious list, the next time you visit a new place, simply ask yourself these three questions:

1. Is the society (a) rational, or (b) emotional?

Rationality is hard to define, so I'll loosely define it as having brains and having the inclination to actually use them. On one hand, I know some geniuses who are too deranged to run hot dog stands, and on the other hand, the village idiot isn't going to invent the next super antibiotic.

2. Are people motivated by (a) productive ambition, or (b) envious malice?

At first glance, these don't seem like opposites, but, in fact, they are. Economist Joseph Schumpeter had great insights into the role of envy in societies and economies. And by productive ambition (my term, not Schumpeter's, at least that I know of), I mean the desire to produce things of market value in order to advance themselves, as opposed to stealing from others or engaging in other forms of parasitism.

3. Are the people (a) self-directed (independent), or (b) do they need to be told what to do (followers)?

Tigers make for dynamic economies. Sheep don't, at least in the long run.

As you've probably surmised, the more "a" category answers you have, the more economic potential a place has.

The first question I get when I return from a strange land is: Are the people friendly? That's a reasonable thing to ask, but based on my notes, friendliness isn't all that important for economic potential. Hostility, on the other hand, is a bad (very bad) sign, but this is always accounted for by "b" scores on some, or all, of my list items. Between friendly and hostile is, well, just sort of neutral. The most promising industrial economies I've seen were pretty much neutral.

My pals often tell me that I forgot such-and-such an item on my list. My point isn't that my list is comprehensive, it's that the three factors on it somehow seem to combine to determine all the other factors, just as red, green, and blue pixels on your computer screen combine to make all the other colors.

Anyway, using this list, the place with the highest "a" score that I've been to is: Hong Kong.

I'm not much of a city person, which is why the sleepy shores of Saipan are my style, but I have to admit that the awesomely productive buzz of Hong Kong is like a 220-volt jolt of inspiration. If I dropped from some medical problem on a busy Hong Kong sidewalk, I don't know if anybody would bother to help me out, but if I started a business there, I doubt that my neighbors would start scheming to ruin it out of reflective malice toward commerce, or out of envy of the ambitious.

I use my list not only to get my arms around a new and mysterious place, but also to track changes in places I'm familiar with.

As for Saipan, you can score it as you wish. While you're doing that, can you please start direct airline service from Saipan to Hong Kong? A man could then have everything in life, and never have to leave the tropics. Now that would be an "A" indeed.

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Letters to the Editor

Erring on the side of caution

I think the former member of the Senate that Mr. Pelligrino mentioned in his Aug. 31, 2009, column in the *Saipan Tribune* about having a discussion regarding federalization was referring to me, since we recently had a conversation on the issue. As I vividly recall about our conservation, he unequivocally supported the implementation of the U.S. immigration law (Public Law 110-229) regardless of its negative impact to the CNMI economy while I took the position for a delay in order to try to resolve serious issues between the CNMI and the federal government. For whatever reason, he misrepresented our conversation by saying that I was not able to answer his question because I did.

The most critical issue facing the Commonwealth on the federalization issue is the argument that sections of Public Law 110-229 violates the Covenant on the CNMI's right of self-government. This issue is before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and, since the Covenant Agreement is the foundation of our current political relationship with the United States, it is essential that the issue be resolved first before proceeding with federalization. Another paramount concern is the projected destructive impact of federalization to the CNMI economy. Unfortunately, Mr. Pellegrino discarded these issues as unimportant and irrelevant.

He is right that since the inception of our Commonwealth government, we have failed to prepare our people for the various skilled jobs required in the private sector. However, it does not justify his stance that, because of our failure, Public Law 110-229 should be implemented regardless of its potential damaging effect to our economy and society. My answer to his question on what are the people doing to prepare for federalization was that locals are responding better to job openings in the private sector.

A five-year window given for the Commonwealth to produce all the skilled jobs required in the private sector is unrealistic. It is not just a question of whether there is enough of a local labor workforce available (which I don't think there is) but are there enough locals interested and willing to pursue studies to qualify and fill all the various job categories within five years? Sure, the interim period may be extended, but if extended after the CNMI economy has significantly contracted, there may not be a need for an extension. The key concern is to implement the filling of jobs currently held by contract workers in a realistic time frame. Otherwise, the CNMI economy will be in shambles that may take years to restore at the expense of the local people.

We both agreed the size of government is too big and that there is a need for a more aggressive effort in preparing resident workers to fill the labor demand of the private sector. Where we disagreed was he took the position that, because of our failures, we take what we call the "shoot to broke" approach. I prefer that we take a cautious approach with a realistic transition so that our local economy will not be destroyed in the process.

Lastly, I'd like to say that I and, if not all, of CNMI descent are grateful to become a part of the United States, and we have shown that by the ratio of our residents joining the military to defend our country. However, it is wrong and insulting for Mr. Pellegrino to insinuate that the Covenant Agreement does not matter with his remarks: "When we opted to join the United States and accept its passport, its money and protection, we gave away many of our previous rights. There are no free lunches. I feel strongly that by trying to cling to days gone by is one of the main reasons we face the economic and political dilemma we are in. Think about it. We cannot have our cake and eat it!" A better term would be, "Don't eat somebody's cake without asking!"

Please be reminded that our political status was negotiated to benefit both sides' interest, so do not count the goodies in the agreement to justify breaching the agreement. The Commonwealth is guaranteed self-government and the U.S commitment that the "United States will assist the Government of the Northern Marianas to achieve a progressively higher standard of living for its people as part of the American economic community and to develop the economic resources needed to meet the financial responsibilities of local self government."

Economic reports such as the Malcom D. McPhee & Associates and Dick Conway, and the economic forecast by First Hawaiian Bank are projecting that federalization will have a negative impact to the CNMI economy. Although some may argue that the impact of federalization will be minimal, it is better to err on the side of caution. Hence, it is prudent for the U.S. Congress to delay federalization.

Ike K. Quichocho
Marpo, Tinian

One for the people, Tina

Kudos, congratulations and thank you Rep. Tina Sablan for your commitment and persistence to hold our government accountable and transparent. The courts have sided with the people and their decision speaks volumes about the principle of a government of, for and by the people**.** How could someone who works for the people think that they could keep something a secret from the people they work for? Like many people in the community I had no doubt that Tina would win because she was fighting for principles, which is what I teach my government students. In Rep. Sablan's own words, "The principles of justice, democracy, and honest government have prevailed." Way to go, Tina, job well done!

Just to give you an example of the power of the principles Tina was fighting for and why it was easy to predict that she would win: At one time in each school year I would tell my government students that *the principles of American government are just as right and powerful as the Ten Commandments*. I will get that strange stare from students because they couldn't make the connection, like some of you may be doing right now. But I go on to explain that there is no argument against *"Thou shall not kill"* and equally so there is no argument against *"Equality and all men being created equal"* and then they get it. You can do this simple comparison with virtually all the core values and principles of America which is why we have the best government to date in the history of the world. As you can see, it was the principles that Tina was invoking that made her successful. We are a nation of laws and, like any country, America has its share of bad people but it is people like Tina and millions of other good Americans that truly make America live up to its creed that makes our country so great. *It's what we stand for and not who we are*.

Now we all know the governor has been contemptuous of the people and the Legislature by using CNMI funds when both houses of the Legislature formally asked him in a resolution not to pursue the lawsuit. There are also questions that still need answering, like how much additional money was paid to other people and how much was spent on travel. I personally think, hope and pray that Rep. Sablan will also follow the audit trail and look deeper into the source of the money that went into the governor's fund. We need to know if funds from other sources that are not part of the CNMI government were put into the account. I don't have to tell people how important it is for us to know. With so much secrecy and defiance, we must look under *every* rock.

Rep. Sablan has proven that one person can make a difference in our democracy. She started as a concerned citizen and if she keeps it up she may very well be governor one day. I have said on many occasions to my students and in my letters to the editor that there were only two keys given to us by the founders of America for a successful government: *informed* and *active* citizens. These keys must also be used together because one is no good without the other. Thanks to Rep. Sablan, we will now be *informed* about the details of the lawsuit and it will be up to us to be *active* in this election to hold the governor accountable and to demonstrate our approval or disapproval of what the governor was obviously hiding from the people who hired him and can fire him.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Veto measure

It seems that Governor Fitial was right to veto a bill making it unlawful for anyone to serve as attorney general of Saipan for over 30 days without submitting a new nominee to the Senate or in excess of 90 days upon nomination. But there are other ways one can be attorney general on Saipan and one of that is by election, so that voters on Saipan can decide for themselves who would do a better job at handling crime, as well as through resignation should he or she be convicted of political corruption or through resigning because of health reasons. In both cases someone can be appointed to take the job at the request of the governor.

John Huerta
Warren, Arkansas

More sober discussions

It's timely that Kilili asks for a year's delay in the federalization of labor and immigration laws. After all, we shouldn't be a party to approaching a very likely economic train wreck as blindly as Alan Stayman did last week. It's our livelihood and it is the people of these isles who will live the miseries of miscalculated agenda inherent under U.S. Public Law 110-229.

The uncertainty inherent under this federal law is a huge void in what financial and economic analysts call "ambiguity." In other words, there are voids left for anyone's interpretation between Capitol Hill and Pennsylvania Avenue. It ends up creating super sub-agencies that immediately grab command and control of every iota of power it could seize and begin the long ride into drafting more rules and regulations in much the same way as the Obamacare legislation is being shoved down the throats of fellow Americans across the country.

Liberals in the U.S. Congress can run but they can't hide and next year's midterm election should demonstrate the frustrations of voters who now see and understand the obvious disconnect between their representatives in the U.S. Congress and their layman's viewpoint. President Obama promised "Change we can believe in" and I was willing to grant him the opportunity to change the corrupt culture in Washington. But he seems to have lost political capital through his signature domestic policy on health care. Would he bounce back? Or is this a tall order now as to leave it best for the likes of David Letterman and Colbert?

There's simply too much hypocrisy in Washington, i.e., auto industry CEOs being chastised for flying into the capital in their expensive private jets. Yet Speaker Pelosi wants private jets for use of her colleagues during congressional breaks. Interesting how the Pentagon came out saying it doesn't need three to four more jets in its fleet. I suppose we can call it "unintended consequences" of the vicious hypocrisy that is the way of Washington.

Now, why would Americans exercising their freedom of speech and expression be demonized for being very American? Isn't the ability to agree and disagree the very hallmarks that made our country the greatest in the world? Can we return to the very principles that contributed to the success of our country, founded in the sacred documents penned by our Founding Fathers?

To agree and disagree is very American. And more sober discussions are needed on every issue that would affect the rights of local governance to greater degree of self-government and the economic opportunities that come with it. May I reiterate, let freedom ring from sea to shining sea.

John S. DelRosario, Jr.
As Gonno, Saipan

Equally responsible

This is urge all retirees, pending retirees, future retirees and retirees receiving no pension to vote wisely this November, especially with those incumbent elected leaders now seeking your vote of confidence for another term. Remember those responsible for House Bill 15-137, HD2, now Public Law 15-15, a law suspending the government obligations (employer contributions) owed the NMI Retirement Fund. We would like to point out to all of you that the Fund's board of trustees is equally responsible. Remember who appointed the chairman of the board? His brother and best friend, Gov. Benigno Fitial. All of you should be asking the questions as to who authorized Merrill Lynch to gamble the retirees' and current contributors' investments, losing over $180 million in the stock market. Does this mean anything to any of you? How much is Merrill Lynch being paid for services rendered regardless of whether they lost millions of your investments? Who contracted Merril Lynch? Who is responsible?

In our views and opinion, the following are equally responsible: The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees, the Executive Branch, and the 15th Legislature.

Ask yourself: Did any of you receive any form of notification informing you that your contributions were being taken to the stock market by Merrill Lynch as authorized by the board of trustees? Remember that the board of trustees only sent out notices that the Fund's investments are in critical condition due to the Executive Branch not remitting its contributions, but they failed to tell you that they had also lost your investments in the stock market. The global stock market downfall was the perfect scapegoat.

Gregorio Cruz Jr.
President, Taotao Tano CNMI Inc.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°

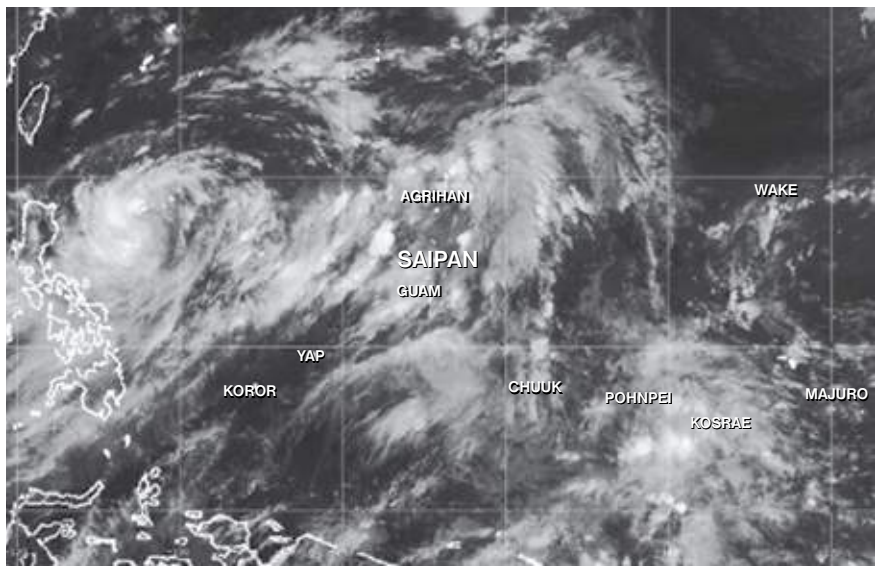
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲86	▼77
Palau	Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲89	▼77
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲89	▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲87	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲53	▼43
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲79	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲95	▼82
Honolulu	Partly Sunny	▲85	▼77
London	Showers	▲66	▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲85	▼66
Manila	Rain	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲60	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
New York	Cloudy	▲80	▼66
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲82	▼70
Paris	Showers	▲63	▼49
Pusan	Cloudy	▲80	▼64
Rome	Cloudy	▲86	▼68
Salem	Partly Sunny	▲76	▼56
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼64
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲77	▼69
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲82	▼62

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends northeastward from 17N130E to 21N140E to 22N145E then turns southeastward to 10N160E to 2N165E. Widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along and up to 500 miles south of a line from 17N130E to 22N150E. This area includes the Marianas, also within 200 miles of a line from 12N156E to EQ165E. This area includes Pohnpei and Kosrae. Winds converging east of the monsoon trough are triggering scattered showers within 100 miles of a line from 26N154E to 20N158E. Convergent low-level west winds are generating scattered showers west of Chuuk between 5N and 11N from 143E to 150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Wake Island along and up to 100 miles southeast of a line from 20N172E to 25N179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
1:33 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
6:53 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:44 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
8:04 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:25 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:04 PM	5:26 AM
Saturday	6:39 PM	6:14 AM
Sunday	7:15 PM	7:02 AM
Monday	7:53 PM	7:52 AM
Tuesday	8:33 PM	8:43 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
C09603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

C0941	5:30am	8:05am	Daily
NW99	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	Daily via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Daily
C0943	5:25pm	8:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78	9:00am	11:40am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

C0942	9:25am	1:55pm	Daily
NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	Daily via NGO
NW100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily
C0944	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW77	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ716/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Letters to the Editor

Whose job is it?

The Mayor's Office is saying DPS should remove dead animals on the roads. I disagree with this idea even if it is law. Do you think DPS have the time and money, let alone resources to do so? The Mayor's office should be the one to handle it. They have the trailers, gloves, square shovels, large trash bags, etc. You know the whole nine yards to do the work. Not DPS. Whose office needs money to build a kennel? What makes them think that DPS can find a suitable place to hold stray dogs?

Actually, it's the Department of Agriculture that should be dealing with animals, dead or alive. An animal control program should be established within the Department of Agriculture. Plus, they have a veterinarian there. That's where the kennel should be and if the dog population escalates, then adoption is the next thing. If that doesn't work then the only thing is to euthanize the dog.

Half the fault is with the owners who loosely tie their pets and they run away or sometimes owners can no longer care for them so they drop them off miles away. I hate to say that but there's no other solution for the time being. It is what it is right now. The Mayor's Office just can't point fingers at other agencies when it's not their line of work. It's like telling an accountant to fix CUC.

Vince G. Cabrera
Chalan Piao, Saipan

'I'm sorry'

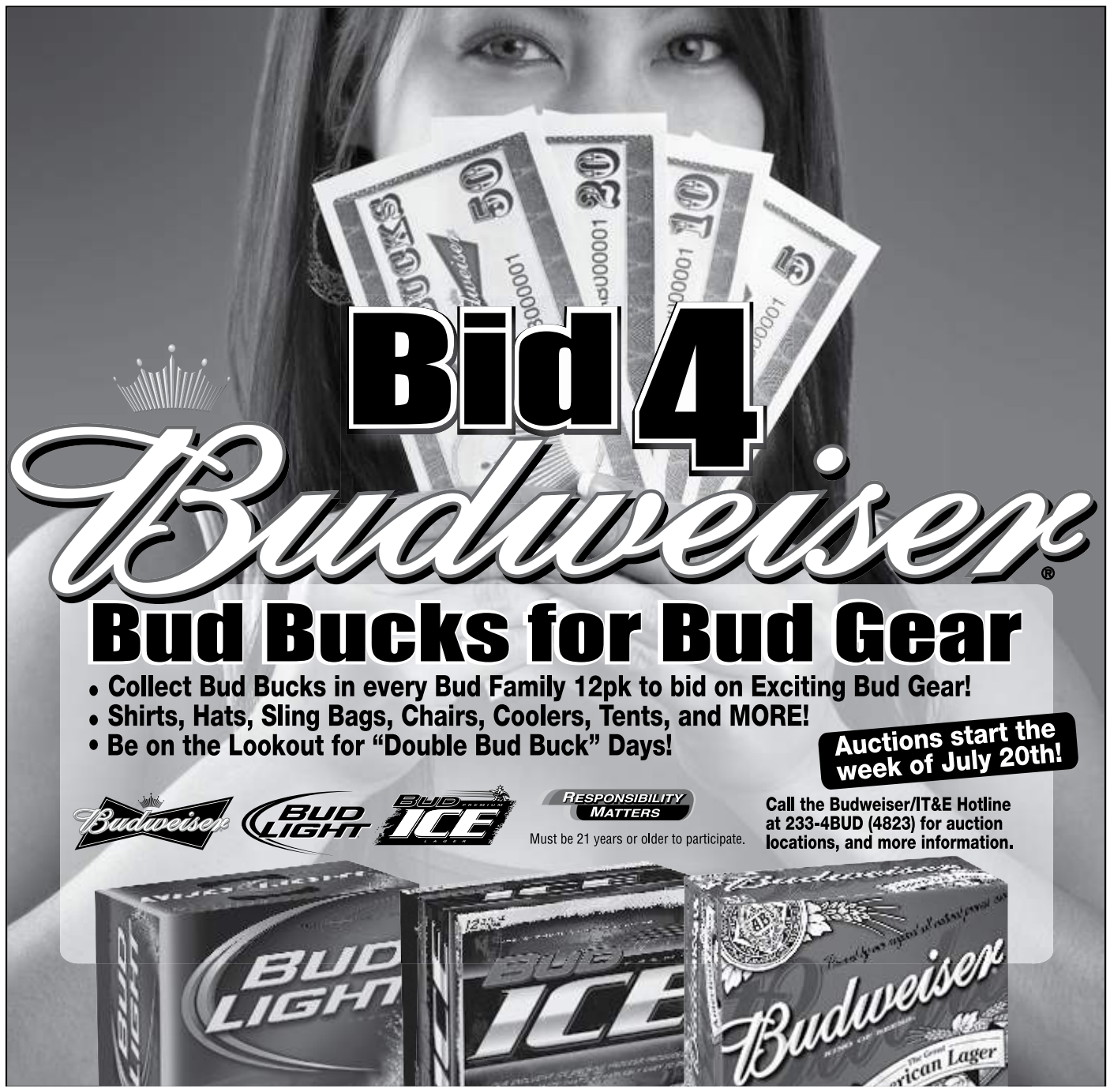
Dear CNMI people: I am writing this letter to ask you to forgive me for my mistake of reporting a false meter reading for the CUC electric meter, in consideration and exchange for gas money.

I realized and understand that what I have done was wrong. It brought shame to my family and myself. I didn't really mean to do this but I was confused and was not being smart. My mistakes caused me to experience difficulties and hardship in my life. I went to jail for the offense of bribery that I have committed.

I am also serving time on probation for the mistakes I have done. I promise that I will obey all CNMI and federal laws. I will learn from this mistake and I will try to be a better person in the future.

I regret what I did and I feel ashamed. I want to move on with my life and start all over again. Once again please forgive me and I am sorry. This will never happen again. Thank you!

Steve Joaquin V. Mori
As Perdido, Saipan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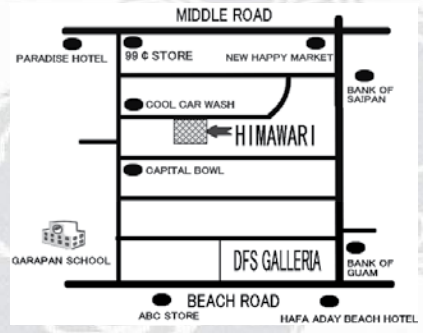

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Local group buys Gold's Gym

Gold's Gym Saipan has a new set of owners and operators.

Marianas Fitness Ltd. has purchased the Garapan-based gym and is planning on implementing a number of upgrades in the coming months.

"The first thing we are planning to do is to really get to know our members and find out what they want their fitness center to look and feel like," said MFL president Russ Quinn. "We are looking forward to growing the business through hard work, great customer service, and facility upgrades."

"We got involved because this is great community business, and we want to make a difference in improving the health and fitness of our local people," said vice president Marian Aldan-Pierce.

Local attorney Rex Kosack and his wife Clarie are also part of the ownership mix, Rex Kosack will transition from 13-year Gold's Gym member to shareholder, and will serve as the secretary for Marianas Fitness Ltd

"We can't wait to get started! Gold's has been in this community for a long time, and we are now ready to take the fitness center to a different level. We have a strong team that is dedicated to fitness, and we look forward to delivering a quality experience for our customers," said Yosh Gabaldon, treasurer.

Other members of the group include Richard Pierce, Kanae Quinn, Nikki Gabaldon, and Chris and Brett Nelson.

The transaction was concluded on Sept. 1. For membership information call Gold's Gym at 233-4000. ***(PR)***

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The members of Marianas Fitness Ltd., the new owner of Gold's Gym, pose inside the Garapan gym for a souvenir picture.

Judge: Hawaii can't cut migrants' health care

HONOLULU (AP)—A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Hawaii's government must continue providing lifesaving dialysis and chemotherapy treatments to Pacific island migrants suffering from kidney disease and cancer.

U.S. District Judge J. Michael Seabright granted a temporary restraining order preventing the state from instituting a new, limited health insurance program intended to save $15 million. The new health program was scheduled to start Tuesday.

His decision came as a relief to migrants from Micronesia, Palau and the Marshall Islands who argue the United States and the state weren't living up to a health obligation promised after U.S. nuclear weapons tests in Pacific islands a half-century ago.

The ruling keeps in place broad health coverage for dialysis, chemotherapy, prescription drugs and doctor visits.

"I'm very happy," said Philip Anungar, a Marshall Islands migrant with diabetes who attended the court hearing. "The judge's decision means we'll go back to what we had before."

Migrants from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau are beneficiaries of the Compact of Free Association, a deal with the U.S. government providing financial assistance in exchange for defense rights.

"The ruling is a tremendous improvement over what the state was planning to do," said the migrants' attorney, Paul Alston. "They're going to get a lot more benefits."

Hawaii government officials declined to comment following the hearing.

The cash-strapped state, facing a steep budget deficit, wanted to switch about 7,000 legal migrants to the new health insurance program. About 100 of them receive dialysis treatments paid by the state.

The state announced Monday it had found $1.5 million in annual federal Medicaid funding that would continue dialysis coverage for two more years, but chemotherapy and many name-brand prescription drugs were not included.

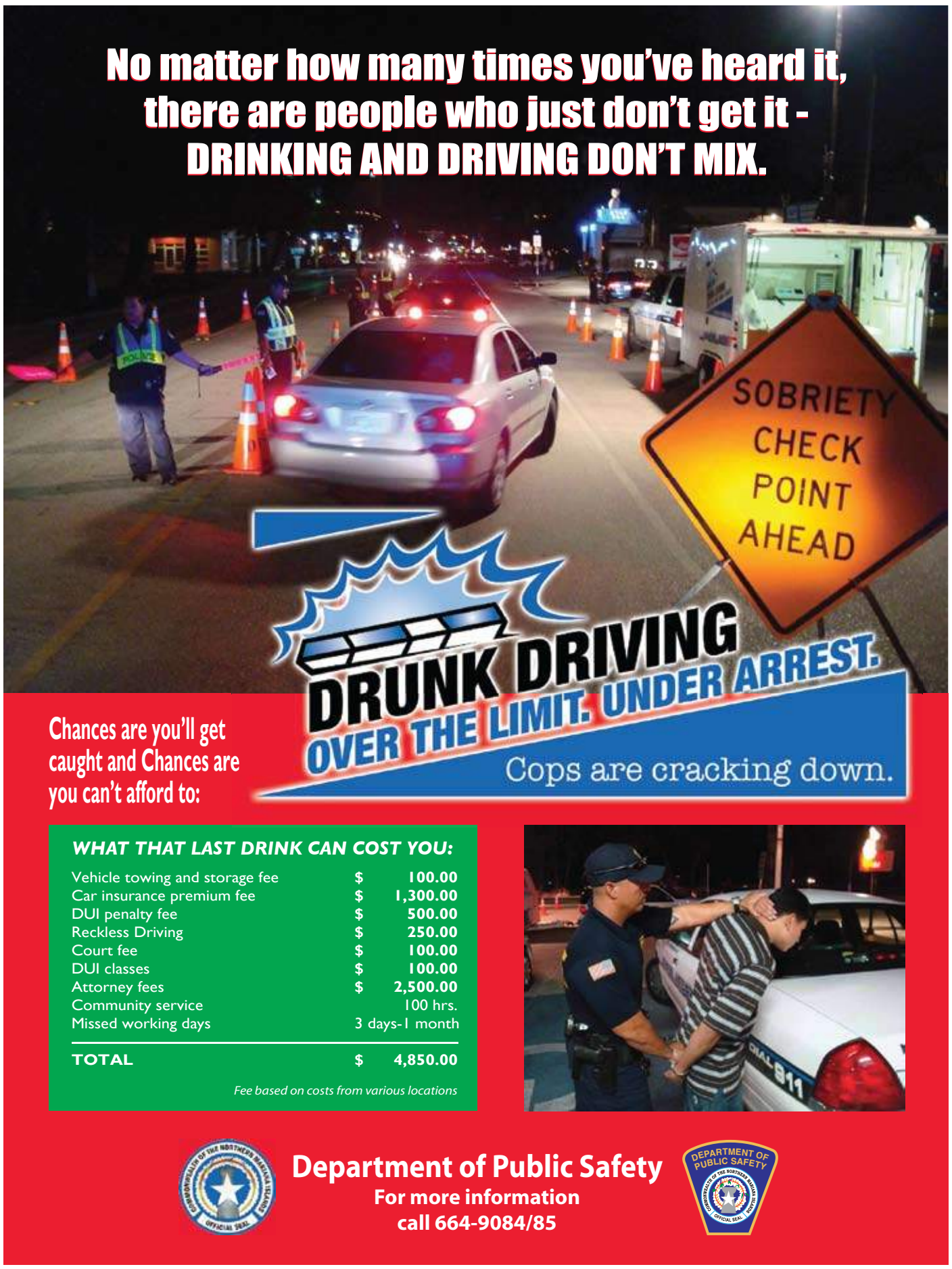
Seabright prevented the new plan, called Basic Health Hawaii, from taking effect because its implementation may have violated due process rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

Basic Health Hawaii was announced less than a month ago and without public hearings. Because many of the migrants don't speak English as their first language, they weren't able to understand how their coverage would change when they received notification letters or called an English-speaking automated phone help line.

"It appears the state made a unilateral decision to decrease benefits with little or no notice," Seabright said.

Seabright didn't decide whether the new plan violated constitutional guarantees of equal rights for all legal U.S. residents.

A hearing on a more permanent injunction will be held Oct. 19.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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Olamai I. Fred, who is celebrating his 22nd birthday today, Sept. 4, 2009! We love you so much and you're truly a blessing in our lives. Enjoy your special day and hope your wish comes true. Love you always, Dad, brother Joy, sisters Jen (Tanech) and Jo (Maynard).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (a) and (b), the Commonwealth Election Commission, hereby give notice that the Commonwealth Election Commission will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at the Governor's Conference room, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Additional information concerning this meeting is available at the Office of the Election Commission, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
   a. Roll call
   b. Adoption of agenda

II. Executive Director's Report

III. Old Business

   a. Ballot Layout

IV. New Business

   a. Proposed Emergency Regulations

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Adjournment

/s/ FRANCES M. SABLAN
Chairwoman

(The Commission, pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, may vote to meet in executive session to consult legal counsel and discuss personnel matters.)

Red flag up at three beach sites

The Division of Environmental Quality has raised the red flag on the Old Man By the Sea on Saipan and two sites on Rota—Coral Garden and the Mobil storm drain. The public is advised not to swim or fish 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until notified.

Samples collected from these locations were found to contain concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterrococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with pubic health concerns.

Iindividuals and organizations may receive e-mail notifications of the weekly marine water quality reports. To do so, send an e-mail to environment@deq.gov.mp.

For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

NMC-CREES promotes bio-security in aquatic farms

The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services, under the Division on Community Programs & Services, is stepping up its efforts to increase public awareness of security issues surrounding local aquatic farms, especially shrimp farms.

In addition to a promotional brochure that will be disseminated this month, the college will be hosting workshops to showcase CREES' biosecure wet laboratory, which houses its shrimp tanks, and demonstrate the use of the wet lab's equipment and other procedures.

The enhanced activities, through funds provided by the Smith-Lever Act formula grant, are being conducted in response to an increase in prospective aquatic farmers seeking entry into the shrimp industry. Since the development of the local shrimp industry in 2005, NMC-CREES staff has undergone extensive training on shrimp disease control and bio-security measures.

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The entrance to the NMC-CREES wet laboratory facility. CREES recently stepped up its efforts to increase public awareness on bio-security issues affecting aquatic farms.

Michael Ogo, NMC-CREES aquaculture extension agent and CREES acting director, along with summer interns Cheska Salen and Naomi Cabrera, compiled the brochure, which is now being reviewed by off-island bio-security professionals.

"The CNMI is considered by many bio-security experts abroad as an ideal, virus-free location for shrimp farms," said Ogo. "We are implementing any measures necessary to maintain the health of local shrimp stocks."

Last year, CREES hosted an "Opportunities in Aquaculture" symposium that featured a presentation by University of Guam professor Dr. Hui Gong. Dr. Gong outlined the potential of a shrimp industry in the CNMI and explained measures to prevent the spread of diseases and contamination. Earlier workshops were held in July 2007.

"We will be hosting mini-workshops on bio-security in late November in anticipation of the 2010 farm season," added Ogo.

"The increase in awareness activities conducted by CREES exemplifies the College's commitment to providing customized services in response to the community's needs," said Dean of Community Programs & Services Tee Abraham. "We will continue to offer guidance and assistance to the community through workshops, conferences, and other activities." ***(NMC)***

How is your baby growing?

If your child displays any of the following signs of possible developmental delay, talk to your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider about it:

Developmental Health Watch
Birth to 3 Months

- Does not seem to respond to loud noises
- Does not notice hands by 2 months
- Does not follow moving objects with eyes by 2 to 3 months
- Does not smile at people by 3 months
- Cannot support head well by 3 months
- Does not reach for and grasp toys by 3 to 4 months
- Does not babble by 3 to 4 months
- Has trouble moving one or both eyes in all directions
- Crosses eyes most of the time (occasional crossing of the eyes is normal in these first months)
- Does not pay attention to new faces, or seems very freightened by new faces or surroundings

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C*DAC)** at **664-4830** for a **FREE** developmental screening!

Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early.
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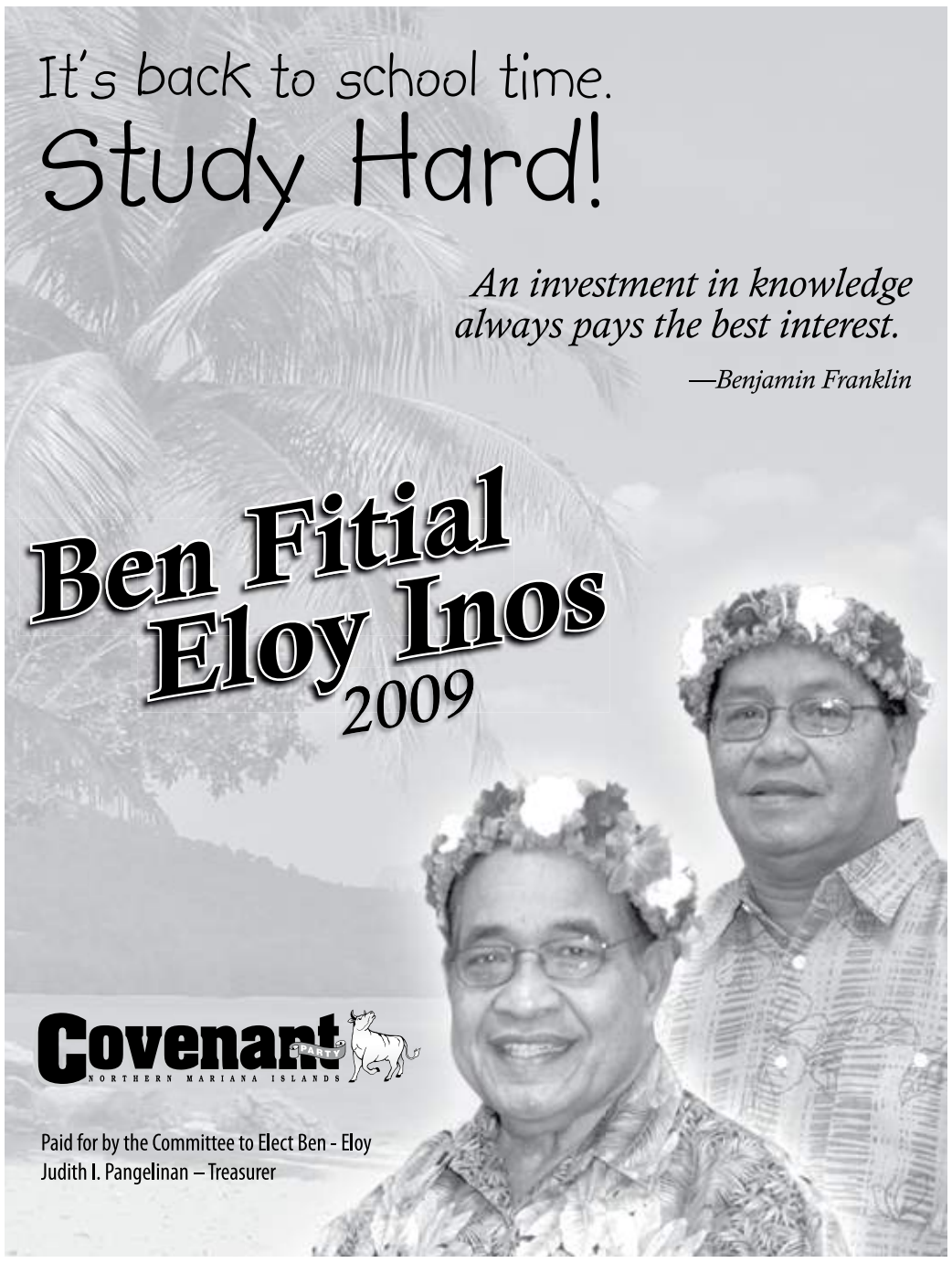

Philippines hopes to send 20,000 workers to Guam

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— The Philippines plans to send up to 20,000 construction workers to U.S. military bases on the Pacific island of Guam, a Philippine labor official said Wednesday.

Guam's governor has said that skilled Filipino workers will make up the bulk of overseas labor to be used as bases are expanded to accommodate some 8,000 U.S. Marines and their families who are due to relocate from Okinawa, Japan, over the next few years.

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration chief Jennifer Manalili said the government is targeting the deployment of about 15,000 to 20,000 construction workers to the U.S. territory.

It expects to issue deployment guidelines by the end of 2009 for recruiting the workers, with a proposed salary of at least $17 per hour, she said.

During a visit to Manila in June, Guam Gov. Felix Camacho said 10,000 to 15,000 workers will be hired for the military buildup, and that most would come from the Philippines.

The buildup will cost at least $15 billion. Japan is covering $6 billion of the bill.

About 10 percent of Filipinos work abroad and their remittances are a linchpin of the Philippine economy, accounting for about 10 percent of the country's GDP.

DANDAN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FRANK B. CAMACHO

Members of the Dandan Neighborhood Watch group pose for the camera just before the start of their clean-up activity at the Dandan Children's Park last weekend. The group is encouraging fellow Dandan residents to join them tomorrow, Sept. 5, 2009, for the next phase of the cleanup from 8am to 4pm. The cleanup is part of the Dandan Community Beautification project. Crouching in front is Jun Boom Camacho. Second row, from left to right, are Lillian Kosam, Vicky Esparos, Luz Domingo, Mrs. Buenaventura and daughter. Third row: Alvin Diestro, Jude Palacios, Elton Escaros, Mitch Aaron, Walter Indalecio, Nunu Sanchez, Ben Matagolai, Joe Deleon Guerrero (Rai), and Eli Buenaventura. Not in picture is Ben Cepeda.

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NEWS BRIEFS

DUI checkpoints on Sunday

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting DUI checkpoints this Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, on Saipan. The first setup will be near the intersection of Beach Road and the late Dr. Kaipat's residence in Chalan Lau Lau, from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. The second setup will be on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road, by the CUC Waterloo Station in Chalan Kiya, from 10:30pm to 11:45pm. Police officers will also be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrol, and aggressive driver interdictions, and laser activities. ***(DPS)***

EMO warns of high surf

Based on the information from National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Management Office, a large west swell will produce hazardous surf on west facing reefs through Saturday. High surf advisory in effect until 6am on Saturday. Expect hazardous surf of 7-9 feet on west facing reefs, along with dangerous rip currents. EMO is strongly advising the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west facing reefs where rip currents will be life threatening. ***(EMO)***

Saipan to observe Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela will sign a mayoral proclamation today, Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, to designate the Month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. The theme for this year's observance is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal." "It is critical that we educate everyone that substance use disorders are treatable, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life here in our municipality," Tudela said. The proclamation signing ceremony will be at 10am at the conference room of the Saipan Mayor's Office in San Antonio. ***(PR)***

Rapadas, Benedetto attend off-island conference

U.S. Attorney Leonardo M. Rapadas attended the 21st Annual Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, Texas, on Aug. 17–20. The conference was co-sponsored by the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center and the Dallas Police Department. Rapadas attended the *Fast On -Scene Computer Forensic Triage and Danger Assessments, Patterns and Trends in Online Victimization*, and *Military Resources in Child Exploitation* classes. The latter class better prepares the U.S. Attorney's Office to handle these cases in view of the impending military buildup in Guam. James Benedetto, Assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the CNMI, also attended the conference. He attended *Combating Common Defenses in Child Exploitation Cases*, the *Triage* class, and Pedophilia, *Paraphilias and the Psychology of the Online Offender* courses. The conference gets law enforcement professionals at the local, state, and federal levels handling online child exploitation cases in one place to network and to establish contacts to better coordinate the prosecutions of these crimes. ***(PR)***

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Pursuant to the Jobs for Veterans Act (US PL 107-288) (38 USC 4215), priority of service is provided to veterans (and certain spouses) who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for all employment and training programs funded by the USDOL to include funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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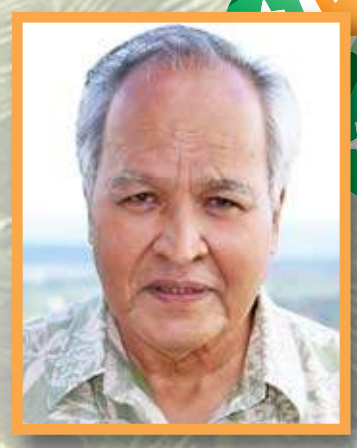

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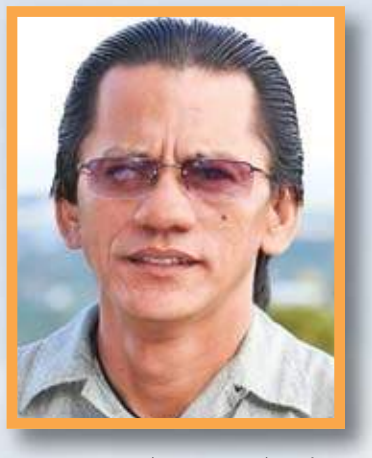

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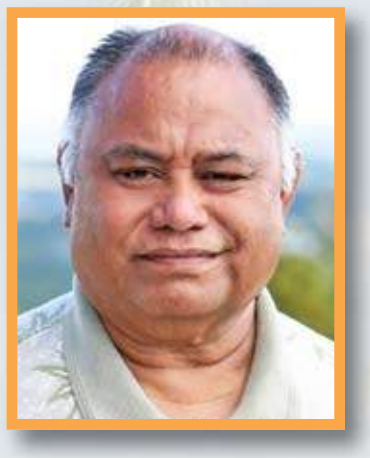

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PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

SEPTEMBER 2009

SCHOOL MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 8	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 11
			BREAKFAST		
	NO CLASSES	Cinnamon Rolls, Banana	Ham & Cheese Omelet, Rice	Beef Vegatable Soup, Toast	Shrimp Fried Rice
			LUNCH Choice #1		
		BBQ Chicken & Rice, Potato Salad, Orange	Beef Tacos, Corn, Apple	Grilled Pork Chops, Red Rice Local Vegetables/Greens	Chicken Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Juice
			LUNCH Choice #2		
		Cheeseburger on Bun, Potato Salad, Orange	Honey Baked Chicken, Rice, Corn, Apple	Vegetable Quesadilla, Chips & Salsa, Fruit Cocktail	Bulgogi & Rice, Sauteed Local Greens, Juice
			FOOD COURT CHOICE		
		BLT on Hoagie, Potato Salad, Orange	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Veggie Sticks and Ranch, Apple	Chicken Salad Pita, Chips & Salsa Fruit Cocktail	Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Baked Fries, Salad, Italian Dressing
WEEK 2	SEPTEMBER 14	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 18
			BREAKFAST		
	Hashbrown, Eggs, & Rice	French Toast, Syrup, Sausage Links	Eggs & Cheese Muffin	Arrozcaldo Soup, Hardboiled Eggs	Meatlover's Omelet, Rice
			LUNCH Choice #1		
	Lasagna w/ Meath Sauce, Sourdough Baguette, Pears	Pork Stir-Fry, Rice, Honeydew, Melon	Beef Fajitas & Refried Beans, Salsa & Sour Cream, Grapes	Asian Chicken Salad, Miso Soup & Noodles, Juice	Baked Turkey w/ Gravy Mashed Potato, Stuffing Sauteed Local Greens
			LUNCH Choice #2		
	Peanut Butter & Jelly, Sweet Potato Fries, Pears	Vegetable Pizza, Honeydew Melon	Chicken Chop Suey, Rice, Grapes	Speghetti with Meath Sauce, Bread Sticks, Local Vegetables	Chicken Fried Rice, Sauteed Local Greens, Juice
			FOOD COURT CHOICE		
	Grilled Fish Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Pears	Pizza Burger on a Roll, Veggie Sticks, Dip Honeydew Melon	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cream of Potato, Grapes	Pulled BBQ on Hoagie, Cole Slaw, Local Vegetables	Ham & Cheese Hoagie, Baked Fries, Juice
WEEK 3	SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 24	SEPTEMBER 25
			BREAKFAST		
	Beef Fried Rice	Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage Links	Tuna & Egg Fried Rice	Chicken, Mushroom, Barley Soup, Dinner Rolls	Breakfast Burritos, Salsa
			LUNCH Choice #1		
	Tuna Salad Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Ranch Peaches	Chicken Adobo, Rice, Orange	Baked Ham, Dinner Rolls, Sweet Potato Souffle	Bisteak & Rice, Local Vegetables/ Greens	Sausage Pizza, Salad
			LUNCH Choice #2		
	Beef Macaroni Bake, Veggie Sticks, Ranch Peaches	Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Orange	Vegetable Lasagna, Sourdough Baguette, Banana	Pork Pancit Canton, Local Vegetables	Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Sauteed Local Greens
			FOOD COURT CHOICE		
	Pepperoni Pizza, Veggie Sticks, Ranch Peaches	Italian Sub, Orange	Hamburger on Bun, Baked Fries, Banana	Vegetable Wraps, Clam Chowder, Bread Sticks	Roast Beef Sandwich Salad, Italian Dressing, Juice
WEEK 4	SEPTEMBER 28	SEPTEMBER 29	SEPTEMBER 30		
			BREAKFAST		
	Shrimp Mushroom Omelet, Rice	Assorted Muffins, Hardboiled Eggs	Satanghon Soup, Toast		
			LUNCH Choice #1		
	Chicken Spaghetti, Bread Sticks, Mandarin Oranges	Beef and Broccoli, Rice, Cantaloupe	Chicken Tomato Bake, Green Beans, Apple		
			LUNCH Choice #2		
	Fish Strips & Rice, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Fajitas & Refried Beans, Salsa & Sour Cream, Cantaloupe	Salisbury Steak & Rice, Green Beans, Apple		
			FOOD COURT CHOICE		
	Sloppy Joe on Hoagie, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Quesadilla, Chips & Salsa, Cantaloupe	Club Sandwich on Wheat, Cole Slaw, Apple		

*All lunch meals are served with 6 fl.oz. milk for Head Start and 8 fl.oz. milk for grades K-12.

*Cold cereal option assorted fruits and milk offered daily for breakfast.

*Choice of milk or juice offered daily to grades K-12 at breakfast. Head Start will be served with 6 fl.oz. of milk.

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CTOBER 2009 CHOOL MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Oct. 1	Oct. 2
Breakfast				
			Sausage, Eggs, and Rice	Chicken Rolls Hardboiled Eggs
Lunch Choice #1				
			Loco Moco & Rice Sauteed Local Greens Pineapple	Chicken Teriyaki & Rice Local Vegetables/Greens
Lunch Choice #2				
			Chef Salad & Veg Soup Garlic Bread Pineapple	Meatloaf w Gravy Mashed Potato Local Vegetables/Greens
Food Court Choice				
			Egg Salad Sandwich Vegetable Soup Pineapple	Beef Burrito Chips&Salsa Juice
Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9
Breakfast				
Vegetable Omelet Rice	Cinnamon Rolls Banana	Ham & Cheese Omelet Rice	Beef Vegetable Soup Toast	Shrimp Fried Rice
Lunch Choice #1				
Vegetable Stromboli Marinara Fruit Cocktail	BBQ Chicken & Rice Potato Salad Orange	Beef Tacos Corn Grapes	Grilled Pork Chops Red Rice Local Vegetables/Greens	Chicken Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Juice
Lunch Choice #2				
Sweet and Sour Pork Rice Fruit Cocktail	Cheeseburger on Bun Potato Salad Orange	Honey Baked Chicken Rice, Corn Grapes	Vegetable Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Peaches	Bulgogi & Rice Sauteed Local Greens Juice
Food Court Choice				
Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich Fruit Cocktail	BLT on Hoagie Potato Salad Orange	Turkey&Cheese Sandwich Veggie Sticks and Ranch Grapes	Chicken Salad Pita Chips & Salsa Peaches	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Baked Fries Salad, Italian Dressing
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16
Breakfast				
NO CLASSES	Hashbrown, Eggs, & Rice	French Toast, Syrup Sausage Links	Egg & Cheese Muffin	Arrozcaldo Soup Hardboiled Eggs
Lunch Choice #1				
	Lasagna w Meat Sauce Sourdough Baguette Honeydew Melon	Pork Stir-Fry Rice Apple	Beef Fajitas & Refried Beans Salsa & Sour Cream Pineapple	Asian Chicken Salad Miso Soup & Noodles Juice
Lunch Choice #2				
	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sweet Potato Fries Honeydew Melon	Vegetable Pizza Apple	Chicken Chop Suey Rice Local Vegetables	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Bread Sticks Local Vegetables
Food Court Choice				
	Grilled Fish Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Honeydew Melon	Pizza Burger on a Roll Apple	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cream of Tomato Pineapple	Pulled BBQ on Hoagie Cole Slaw Local Vegetables
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23
Breakfast				
Meatlover's Omelet Rice	Beef Fried Rice	Pancakes, Syrup Sausage Links	Tuna & Egg Fried Rice	Chkn, Mshrm, Barley Soup Dinner Rolls
Lunch Choice #1				
Baked Turkey w Gravy Mashed Potato, Stuffing Pears	Tuna Salad Sandwich Veggie Sticks, Ranch Banana	Chicken Adobo Rice Cantaloupe	Baked Ham Dinner Rolls Sweet Potato Souffle	Bisteak & Rice Sauteed Local Greens Juice
Lunch Choice #2				
Chicken Fried Rice Green Beans Pears	Beef Macaroni Bake Veggie Sticks, Ranch Banana	Taco Salad Spanish Rice Cantaloupe	Vegetable Lasagna Sourdough Baguette Local Vegetables	Pork Pancit Canton Local Vegetables
Food Court Choice				
Ham & Cheese Hoagie Baked Fries Pears	Pepperoni Pizza Veggie Sticks, Ranch Banana	Italian Sub Cantaloupe	Hamburger on Bun Baked Fries Local Vegetables	Vegetable Wraps Clam Chowder Bread Sticks
Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30
Breakfast				
Breakfast Burritos Salsa, Juice	Shrimp Mushroom Omelet Rice	Assorted Muffins Hardboiled Eggs	Salanghon Soup Toast	Sausage, Eggs, and Rice
Lunch Choice #1				
Sausage Pizza Salad, Italian Dressing Peaches	Chicken Spaghetti Bread Sticks Orange	Beef and Broccoli Rice Apple	Chicken Tomato Bake Local Vegetables Pears	Loco Moco & Rice Corn Local Vegetables
Lunch Choice #2				
Chicken Stir Fry Rice Peaches	Fish Strips & Rice Creamy Coleslaw Orange	Chicken Fajitas&Refried Beans Salsa&Sour Cream Apple	Salisbury Steak &Rice Green Beans Pears	Chef Salad Vegetable Soup Garlic Bread
Food Court Choice				
Roast Beef Sandwich Salad, Italian Dressing Peaches	Sloppy Joe on Hoagie Creamy Coleslaw Orange	Chicken Quesadilla Chips&Salsa Apple	Club Sandwich on Wheat Baked Fries Pears	Egg Salad Sandwich Vegetable Soup Juice

NOVEMBER 2009 SCHOOL MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 9	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6
	Breakfast				
	Chicken Rolls Hardboiled Eggs	Vegetable Omelet Rice	NO CLASSES	Cinnamon Rolls Banana	Ham & Cheese Omelet Rice
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Chicken Teriyaki & Rice Local Vegetables/Greens Mandarin Oranges	Vegetable Stromboli Marinara Honeydew Melon		BBQ Chicken Rice Local Vegetables/Greens	Beef Tacos Corn Fruit Cocktail
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Meatloaf w Gravy Mashed Potato Mandarin Oranges	Sweet and Sour Pork Rice Honeydew Melon		Cheeseburger on Bun Potato Salad Local Vegetables	Honey Baked Chicken Rice Fruit Cocktail
	Food Court Choice				
	Beef Burrito Chips&Salsa Mandarin Oranges	Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich Honeydew Melon		BLT on Hoagie Potato Salad Local Vegetables	Turkey&Cheese Sandwich Baked Fries Fruit Cocktail
WEEK 10	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13
	Breakfast				
	Beef Vegetable Soup Toast	Shrimp Fried Rice	NO CLASSES	Hashbrown, Eggs, & Rice	French Toast, Syrup Sausage Links
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Grilled Pork Chops Red Rice Pineapple	Chicken Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Cantaloupe		Lasagna w Meat Sauce Sourdough Baguette Apple	Pork Stir-Fry Rice Local Vegetables/Greens
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Vegetable Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Pineapple	Bulgogi & Rice Cantaloupe		Peanut Butter & Jelly Sweet Potato Fries Apple	Vegetable Pizza Juice
	Food Court Choice				
	Chicken Salad Pita Baked Fries Pineapple	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Baked Fries, Orange Cantaloupe		Grilled Fish Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Apple	Pizza Burger on a Roll Veggie Sticks, Dip Juice
WEEK 11	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20
	Breakfast				
	Egg & Cheese Muffin	Arrozcaldo Soup Hardboiled Eggs	Breakfast Burritos Salsa	Beef Fried Rice	Pancakes, Syrup Sausage Links
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Beef Fajitas&Refried Beans Salsa & Sour Cream Pears	Asian Chicken Salad Miso Soup & Noodles Grapes	Sausage Pizza Salad, Ranch Dressing Fresh Fruit	Tuna Salad Sandwich Veggie Sticks Juice	Chicken Adobo Rice Local Vegetables/Greens
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Chicken Chop Suey Rice Pears	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Bread Sticks Grapes	Chicken Stir Fry Rice Fresh Fruit	Beef Macaroni Bake Veggie Sticks, Ranch Juice	Taco Salad Spanish Rice Fruit Cocktail
	Food Court Choice				
	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cream of Tomato Pears	Pulled BBQ on Hoagie Cole Slaw Grapes	Roast Beef Sandwich Salad, Ranch Dressing Fresh Fruit	Pepperoni Pizza Veggie Sticks, Ranch Juice	Italian Sub Fruit Cocktail
WEEK 12	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Nov. 29
	Breakfast				
	Tuna & Egg Fried Rice	Chkn, Mshrm, Barley Soup Dinner Rolls	Meatlover's Omelet Rice	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Baked Ham Dinner Rolls Peaches	Bisteak Rice Banana	Baked Turkey w Gravy Mashed Potato, Stuffing Sweet Potato Souffle		
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Vegetable Lasagna Sourdough Baguette Peaches	Pork Pancit Canton Banana	Chicken Fried Rice Green Beans Orange		
	Food Court Choice				
	Hamburger on Bun Baked Fries Peaches	Vegetable Wraps Clam Chowder Bread Sticks	Ham & Cheese Hoagie Baked Fries Orange		
WEEK 13	Nov. 30				
	Breakfast				
	Shrimp Mushroom Omelet Rice				
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Fish Strips & Tapioca Cucumber Tomato Salad Mandarin Oranges				
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Chicken Fajitas&Refried Beans Salsa & Sour Cream Mandarin Oranges				
	Sloppy Joe on Hoagie Potato Salad Mandarin Oranges				

DECEMBER 2009 SCHOOL MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 13		Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4
	Breakfast				
		Assorted Muffins Hardboiled Eggs	Satanghon Soup Toast	Sausage, Eggs, and Rice	Chicken Rolls Hardboiled Eggs
	Lunch Choice #1				
		Beef and Broccoli Rice Orange	Chicken Tomato Bake Local Vegetables Apple	Loco Moco & Rice Corn Local Vegetables	Chicken Teriyaki & Rice Local Vegetables/Greens
	Lunch Choice #2				
		Chicken Fajitas&Refried Beans Salsa&Sour Cream Orange	Salisbury Steak &Rice Green Beans Apple	Chef Salad Vegetable Soup Garlic Bread	Meatloaf w Gravy Mashed Potato Local Vegetables/Greens
	Food Court Choice				
		Chicken Quesadilla Chips&Salsa Orange	Club Sandwich on Wheat Baked Fries Apple	Egg Salad Sandwich Vegetable Soup Juice	Beef Burrito Chips&Salsa Juice
WEEK 14	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11
	Breakfast				
	Vegetable Omelet Rice	NO CLASSES	Cinnamon Rolls Banana	Ham & Cheese Omelet Rice	Beef Vegetable Soup Toast
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Vegetable Stromboli Marinara Fruit Cocktail		BBQ Chicken & Rice Potato Salad Grapes	Beef Tacos Corn Honeydew Melon	Grilled Pork Chops Red Rice Local Vegetables/Greens
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Sweet and Sour Pork Rice Fruit Cocktail		Cheeseburger on Bun Potato Salad Grapes	Honey Baked Chicken Rice, Corn Honeydew Melon	Vegetable Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Peaches
	Food Court Choice				
	Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich Fruit Cocktail		BLT on Hoagie Potato Salad Grapes	Turkey&Cheese Sandwich Veggie Sticks and Ranch Honeydew Melon	Chicken Salad Pita Chips & Salsa Peaches
WEEK 15	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
	Breakfast				
	Shrimp Fried Rice	Hashbrown, Eggs, & Rice	French Toast, Syrup Sausage Links	Egg & Cheese Muffin	Arrozcaldo Soup Hardboiled Eggs
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Chicken Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit	Lasagna w Meat Sauce Sourdough Baguette Banana	Pork Stir-Fry Rice Orange	Beef Fajitas & Refried Beans Salsa & Sour Cream Pineapple	Asian Chicken Salad Miso Soup & Noodles Juice
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Bulgogi & Rice Sauteed Local Greens Fresh Fruit	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sweet Potato Fries Banana	Vegetable Pizza Orange	Chicken Chop Suey Rice Local Vegetables	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Bread Sticks Local Vegetables
	Food Court Choice				
	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Baked Fries Fresh Fruit	Grilled Fish Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Banana	Pizza Burger on a Roll Veggie Sticks, Dip Orange	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cream of Tomato Pineapple	Pulled BBQ on Hoagie Cole Slaw Local Vegetables
WEEK 16	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
	Breakfast				
	Meatlover's Omelet Rice	Beef Fried Rice	Pancakes, Syrup Sausage Links	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Baked Turkey w Gravy Mashed Potato, Stuffing Pears	Tuna Salad Sandwich Veggie Sticks, Ranch Cantaloupe	Baked Ham Dinner Rolls Sweet Potato Souffle		
	Lunch Choice #2				
	Chicken Fried Rice Green Beans Pears	Beef Macaroni Bake Veggie Sticks, Ranch Cantaloupe	Vegetable Lasagna Sourdough Baguette Apple		
	Food Court Choice				
	Ham & Cheese Hoagie Baked Fries Pears	Pepperoni Pizza Veggie Sticks, Ranch Cantaloupe	Hamburger on Bun Baked Fries Apple		
WEEK 17	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	
	Breakfast				
	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	NO CLASSES	
	Lunch Choice #1				
	Lunch Choice #2				

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*** Choice of milk or juice offered daily to grades K-12 at breakfast. Head Start will beserved with 6 fl.oz. of milk.**

AFTERSCHOOL SNACK MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Banana Muffin Flavored Milk	Tuna Sandwich Juice	Fig Newton Flavored Milk	Pretzels Fresh Fruit	Trail Mix Fresh Fruit
Week 2	Walnut Carrot Muffin Flavored Milk	PB & J Sandwich Juice	Rice Crispy Treat Flavored Milk	Granola Bar Fresh Fruit	Animal Crackers Fresh Fruit

CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School Calendar 2009-2010

All Elementary and Secondary Schools

August 2009

SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

Aug. 31 Report Day (Teachers & Certified Staff)
Aug. 31-Sept. 4 - Admin. & School Level PD

September 2009

SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
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September 7 Labor Day
September 8 1st Day of Class

October 2009

SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
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October 2 1st State Level PD
October 12 Commonwealth Cultural Day

November 2009

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November 4 Citizenship Day
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 25 - Student Holiday Only - Education Day
November 26 Thanksgiving Day
November 26-27 Thanksgiving Break

December 2009

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December 8 Constitution Day
Dec. 24-Jan. 1 Christmas Break
December 25 Christmas Day

January 2010

SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

January 1 New Year's Day
January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2010

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February 12 2nd State Level PD
February 15 President's Day

March 2010

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March 24 Commonwealth Covenant Day

April 2010

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April 2 Good Friday
April 5 Easter Break

May 2010

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May 31 Memorial Day

June 2010

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June 15 Last Day of Class
June 16-18 Admin. & School Level PD

July 2010

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July 5 (Observed) Independence Day

180 School Days

1st Quarter - September 8, 2009 to November 13, 2009 (45 days)
2nd Quarter - November 16, 2009 to January 29, 2010 (44 days)
3rd Quarter - February 1, 2010 to April 9, 2010 (45 days)
4th Quarter - April 12, 2010 to June 15, 2010 (46 days)

Jr. High and High School Graduation Schedules

June 8 - RJHS/RHS
June 9 - THS
June 10 - CHA
June 11 - MHS
June 14 - KHS
June 15 - HJHS
June 16 - SSHS

Legend

- Administrative and Professional Development Days
- State, Federal and Local Holidays
- Student Holidays

Head Start Program

August 2009

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September 2009

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October 2009

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November 2009

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December 2009

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January 2010

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February 2010

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March 2010

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151 Instructional Days

1st Quarter - Sep. 3- Dec. 2 (49 days)
2nd Quarter - Dec. 7-Mar 3 (46 days)
3rd Quarter - March 8-June 10 (56 days)

Make-Up days (If needed) - Dec 28-30
Make-Up days (If needed) - June 15-18

8 Professional Development Days

August 24-25, 2009	School Level PD
October 2, 2009	State Level PD
November 23-24, 2009	School Level PD
January 8, 2010	School Level PD
March 12, 2010	State Level PD
April 16, 2010	School Level PD

No Class Days

November 25, 2009	Student Holiday Only-Education Day
November 26-27, 2009	Thanksgiving Break
December 24-January 1	Christmas Break

22 Administrative/Outreach Day

Parent Orientation & Children's Transition

Parent-Teacher Conferences

14 Legal Holidays

September 7, 2009	Labor Day
October 12, 2009	Commonwealth Cultural Day
November 4, 2009	Citizenship Day (Nov 4)
November 11, 2009	Veterans Day (Nov 11)
November 26, 2009	Thanksgiving Day
December 8, 2009	Constitution Day (Dec 8)
Decembe 25, 2007	Christmas Day
January 1, 2010	New Year's Day
January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King Day
February 15, 2010	President's Day
March 24, 2010	Commonwealth Covenant Day (Mar 24)
April 2, 2010	Good Friday
May 24, 2010	Memorial Day
July 5, 2010	Independence Day (July 4)

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CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
2009 BUS SCHEDULES

Bus #02 Mr. Antonio R. Marlik (D-312)

AM Route: As Teo/Papago/Kagman Market to Kag. Elem.
Tanapag South (Chamolinian) to COJHS/KHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: KagES to As Teo/Papago
COJHS to As Teo/Papago
KHS to Tanapag North

Pick-Up Time: 2:25 p.m.

Bus #03 Mr. Raymond S. Santos (D-316)

AM Route: Kagman I/Kagman IV to Kagman Elem. School
San Roque (Partial)/Achugao/Tanapag to KHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: Kagman Elem. School to Kagman I/Kagman IV
Chacha Oceanview Jr. High to Kagman I/Kagman IV
Kagman High School to Kagman I/Kagman IV
Kagman High School to Tanapag/Achugao/San Roque

Pick-Up Time: 2:15 p.m.

Bus #04 Mr. Richard O. Castro (D-311)

AM Route: Capital Hill to Tanapag Elementary School
Tanapag/Achugao to GTC Elementary School
As Matuis/San Roque (Partial) to KHS
Kagman I/Kagman IV to COJHS/KHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: GTC Elememtary School to As Matuis/Radar
Tanapag Elementary School to Capital Hill
KHS to San Roque (Partial)/As Matuis/
Camille Garden

Pick-Up Time: 2:30 p.m.

Bus #05 Mr. Rudy J. Cepeda (D-305)

AM Route: Radar/As Matuis to GTC Elem. School/HJHS
San Roque/Achugao/Tanapag to Hop. Jr. High School
Airport Rd./Lower Dandan/Jin's Mart. to SSHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: Garapan Elem. School to Upper-Lower
Navy Hill/Puerto Rico
Marianas High School to Happy Market/.99 Market
Hopwood Jr. High Sch. to Achugao/San Roque/
As Matuis

Pick-Up Time: 2:25 p.m.

Bus #06 Mr. Dominic P. Taitano (D-315)

AM Route: Sadog Tasi/Capital Hill/Wireless to COJHS/KHS
Kagman II/Kagman IV to KHS/COJHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: SVS to Laulau Bay/Papago
KHS to Kagman II/Kagman IV
KHS to Capital Hill/Wireless/Sadog Tasi

Pick-Up Time: 2:30 p.m.

Bus #07 Mr. John O. Taitano (D-318)

AM Route: Kannat Tabla/Joeten Dandan to SVS/HJHS/MHS
Joeten Dandan/Fina Sisu/As Lito to HJHS/MHS
Chalan Kanoa to MHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: SVS to Joeten Dandan/Kannat Tabla
MHS to STS/Joeten Dandan/Kannat Tabla/Fina Sisu/
As Lito
HJHS/MHS to Happy Market/ .99 Market/Upper Navy

Pick-Up Time: 2:30 p.m.

Bus #08 Mr. Jerwin Moded (D-319)

AM Route: Kagman II/Kagman IV to KagES
Capital Hill (Esco's to Bermudes) to COJHS/KHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: KagES to Kagman II/Kagman IV
COJHS to Kagman II/Kagman IV
COJHS/KHS to Capital Hill

Pick-Up Time: 2:25 p.m.

Bus #09 Mr. Mariano I. Mangarero (D-309)

AM Route: Fina Sisu to San Vicente Elementary School
Laulau Bay/Nang Ocha/Round House
Joeten Dandan to Marianas High School
Round House/Miks Mini Mart to Hop. Jr. High School

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: SVS to Airport Road/Fina Sisu
HJHS to Upper Dandan
SSHS to Airport Road/Lower Dandan/Jin's

Pick-Up Time: 2:30 p.m.

Bus #10 Mr. Mariano S. Palacios (D-304)

AM Route: As Lito (Main Rd.) to San Vicente Elem. School
Upper Dandan to Hopwood Jr. High School
Upper Dandan to Saipan Southern High School

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: San Vicente Elem. School to STS/As Lito-Main Rd.
HJHS to Airport Rd./Lower Dandan/Jin's Store
Saipan Southern High School to Upper Dandan

Pick-Up Time: 2:30 p.m.

Bus #12 Mr. Fonzie Yoshida (D-306)

AM Route: Boti/Chalan Kiya to Oleai Elementary School
Airport Road/Lower Dandan/Jins Mart to HJHS

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: Oleai Elem. School to Africa/Chalan Kiya to Boti
HJHS to As Lito/Finasisu/Kannat Tabla
MHS to Chalan Kiya/Chalan Laolao/Gualo Rai

Pick-Up Time: 2:25 p.m.

Bus #11 Mr. Joaquin A. Pua (D-308)

AM Route: Saipan Museum/Linson/Gualo Rai/Beach Rd. North
to Garapan Elementary School
Beach Road South to Marianas High School
San Antonio to Saipan Southern High School
Koblerville Main Road to Hopwood Jr. High School

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: Garapan Elementary School to
Saipan Museum/Linson/Gualo Rai
Hopwood Jr. High School to Koblerville (Inner)
Saipan Southern High School to San Antonio
Hopwood Jr. High School to Kins Auto/
Round House/Laulau Bay

Pick-Up Time: 2:25 p.m.

Bus #14 Mr. Efrain Borja (D-314)

AM Route: Puerto Rico/Lower-Upper Navy Hill to GES
Tanapag South to Hopwood Jr. High School
China Town (Inner) to HJHS/Marianas High School

Pick-Up Time: 06:30 a.m.

PM Route: Garapan Elem. Sch. to China Town (Partial)/Beach Rd.
Marianas High School to San Vicente/Laulau Bay
Hopwood Jr. High Sch. to Sadog Tasi/Tanapag North

Pick-Up Time: 2:30 p.m.

Bus #18 Mr. Joseph S. Camacho (D-322)

AM Route: Gualo Rai/Conwood to Oleai Elem. School
Chalan Laolao to HJHS/MHS

Pick Up Time: 06:30 am

PM Route: Oleai Elementary School to Conwood/Gualo Rai
Hopwood Jr. High School to Beach Rd. North
Marianas High Sch. to Linson/China Town (Inner)

Pick Up Time: 2:25 pm

Bus #19 Mr. Jesus L. Laniyo

AM Route: Beach Rd. South to Oleai Elementary School
99 cents Supermarket to Hopwood Jr. High School
China Town (Inner) to Marianas High School/HJHS

Pick Up Time: 06:30 am

PM Route: Oleai Elementary School to Beach Rd. North
Hopwood Jr. High School to Koblerville (Main Rd.)
Hopwood Jr. High School to Linson/China Town
Marianas High School to Beach Rd. North

Pick Up Time: 2:25 pm

Bus #21 Mr. Joaquin T. Quitugua (D-320)

AM Route: China Town to Garapan Elementary School
Chalan Kanoa/As Perdido to Marianas High School
Beach Road South to Hopwood Jr. High School
99 Cents Market to Marianas High School

Pick Up Time: 06:30 am

PM Route: Garapan Elementary School to China Town
Marianas High Sch. To Chalan Kanoa/As Perdido
HJHS To Chalan Kiya/Chalan Laolao/Gualo Rai

Pick Up Time: 2:25 pm

Morning Route
Elementary School Pick Up Time - 6:30 to 6:45am
Jr. High School/High School - 7:00 to 7:30am

Afternoon Route
Different times, estimated time 2:15 to 2:30pm.

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1. Ramon S. Salas	Bus Supervisor	Radio Code #301
2. Steven M. Pangelinan	Bus Team Leader	Radio Code #303
3. Manuel C. Sablan Jr.	Bus Team Leader SPED	Radio #330
Transportation Office No.:		322-9457/9458
Mechanic Department:		322-3194

Email: pupiltrans@pss.cnmi.mp
smpangelinan@gmail.com

TINIAN BUS SCHEDULE

Bus Schedule:

6:30 am	Pick Up
2:30 pm	Drop Off
Bus 1:	Mr. Mario Alo – (Village and Housing)
Bus 2:	Mr. Rodel Manlulu –(Carolinas Heights)
Bus 3:	Mr. Victor Linan – (Marpo Heights)
SPED Bus:	Mr. Mike Cabrera

ROTA BUS SCHEDULE

Mr. Paterno Jose A. Hocog
Blue Bird Vision
(L.C.) #1253

6:30 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Sinapalo Elementary School
RJHS #01
DIST. #4/ SONGAO # 03
LIYU HOUSING #04
LEADERSHIP PARK #05
PINATANG PARK #06
SHAWNDA TAISACAN #07
MATT OOKA #10

7:00 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Rota Jr. High School-Rota High School
EDWARD HOCOG #17
GARY TOVES #15
ERIC BARCINAS #14
LUIS MANGLONA #12
SHAWNDA TAISACAN #07

2:15 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
LUIS MANGLONA #12
SHAWNDA TAISACAN #07
PINATANG PARK #06
ROTA JR. HIGH SCHOOL #01
LEADERSHIP PARK #05
DIST. #04/SONGAO #03
LIYU HOUSING #04

3:00 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
SHAWNDA TAISACAN #07
MATT OOKA #10
FRANK MANGLONA #11
LUIS MANGLONA #12
ERIC BARCINAS #14
EDWARD HOCOG #17

ROTA BUS SCHEDULE

Mr. Roque Santos
Headstart Van
(L.C.) #3686

6:30 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Sinapalo Elementary School
TENETO #02
ESTELLA CHARAFROUS #09

7:00 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Rota Jr. High School-Rota High School
ALVIN CRUZ #16
DELFINA MENDIOLA #13

2:15 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
TENETO #02
ESTELLA CHARAFROUS #09

3:00 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
ALVIN CRUZ #16
DELFINA MENDIOLA #13

ROTA BUS SCHEDULE

Mr. Lorenzo A. Hocog Jr.
Rota Jr. High School Van
(L.C.) #3680

6:30 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Sinapalo Elementary School
MARVIN MUNA #08
FARM AREA
DIEGO SONGAO
DLNR SUBSTATION
TINO TAKESHI
JIMMY ATALIG
TEDDY MANGLONA
JUAN CABLEY
JOAQUINA BARCINAS (AS NIEVES)

7:00 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Rota Jr. High School-Rota High School
JOAQUINA BARCINAS (AS NIEVES)
JUAN MENDIOLA
TEDDY MANGLONA
JIMMY ATALIG
TINO TAKESHI
DLNR SUBSTATION
MARVIN MUNA #08
TETETO

2:15 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
MARVIN MUNA #08
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DLNR SUBSTATION
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3:00 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
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JIMMY ATALIG
TINO TAKESHI
DLNR SUBSTATION
MARVIN MUNA #08
TETETO

ROTA BUS SCHEDULE:

Mr. Vincent C. Manglona
SPED Bus
(L.C.) #3440

6:30 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Sinapalo Elementary School
HOMEBOUND PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

TENETO-RESS
ANNEX(F)-JOEWIL
SINAPALO-1-ALDAN MASGA

7:00 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Rota Jr. High School-Rota High School
HOMEBOUND PICK-UP &DROP-OFF

SINAPALO-2-TIA MENDIOLA
SINAPALO-2-ROSEMINA POLL
SINAPALO-2-ROBERT MENDIOLA
SINAPALO-2-JODAN ALMA

2:15 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
HOMEBOUND PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

TENETO-RESS
ANNEX(F)-JOEWIL

3:00 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
HOMEBOUND PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

SINAPALO-2-TIA MENDIOLA
SINAPALO-2-ROSEMINA POLL
SINAPALO-2-ROBERT MENDIOLA
SINAPALO-2-JODAN ALMA

ROTA BUS SCHEDULE

Mr. Ray Marvin SN. Taisacan
Sinapalo Elementary School Van
(L.C.) #3682

6:30 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Sinapalo Elementary School
FRANK MANGLONA #11
LUIS MANGLONA #12

7:00 am Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Rota Jr. High School-Rota High School
ALEX APATANG #18
FRANK MANGLONA #11
MATT OOKA #10
DELFINA MENDIOLA #13

2:15 pm Pick-Up & Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
FRANK MANGLONA #11
MATT OOKA #10

3:00 pm Pick-Up &Drop-Off Bus Stop(s)
GARY TOVES #15
ALVIN CRUZ #16
ALEX APATANG #18
DELFINA MENDIOLA #13

Business

Further evidence points to recession bottoming out

WASHINGTON (AP)—Productivity and factory orders are up as the economy continues to flash signals that the longest recession since World War II is coming to an end. However, worries remain about how durable the rebound will be given lingering problems in the labor market.

Many economists are looking for the overall economy, which has been shrinking for a year, to begin growing again in the current July-September period. But the problem is that unemployment is expected to keep rising even as the nation's gross domestic product returns to positive territory.

The concern is that if businesses don't switch in coming months to rehiring workers who have been laid off, consumers won't have the ability or confidence to boost spending. Since consumers account for 70 percent of total economic activity, higher consumer spending is seen as critical to making sure any economic recovery is sustained.

Study: Unemployed feeling 'traumatized' by recession

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—A new study finds that the recession has left many jobless workers struggling to cope with the psychological stress caused by becoming unemployed in a weak economy.

Researchers at the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University said the financial strain that comes with being out of work combined with the sometimes daunting task of seeking new employment in a difficult job market has left many Americans "traumatized."

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"Psychologically, it's a world of hurt out there for the jobless," Cliff Zukin, a Rutgers professor and co-author of the study, said during a conference call with reporters.

Zukin said "significant numbers" of respondents have had trouble sleeping since losing their jobs, have strained relations with family members and increased alcohol and drug dependency. Many also say they now avoid social situations.

The report released Thursday is based on a survey of 1,200 Americans who have been unemployed and looking for a job for the past 12 months. Two-thirds of respondents reported being depressed. More than half said they have borrowed money from friends or relatives. One quarter said they have skipped mortgage or rent payments.

Meanwhile, just 40 percent received unemployment insurance, and 83 percent of those who got aid said they're concerned the benefits will run out before they find a job. Half said they didn't have health insurance.

The survey found 60 percent of the recently unemployed lost their jobs without warning, while just 15 percent got some type of severance and almost none were offered retraining. More than half lost their jobs for the first time, while 40 percent had held the same job for three or more years.

"The jobless have had to face the fact that their old jobs, incomes, and work identity are gone," Zukin said.

Job loss also has hit more affluent workers and educated professionals hard, the survey found. More than a quarter of those unemployed for the first time earned $75,000 or more a year.

"This is not your ordinary dip in the business cycle," said report co-author and Rutgers professor Carl Van Horn.

Pfizer to pay record $2.3B penalties for drug promos

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal prosecutors hit Pfizer Inc. with a record-breaking $2.3 billion in fines Wednesday and called the world's largest drugmaker a repeating corporate cheat for illegal drug promotions that plied doctors with free golf, massages, and resort junkets.

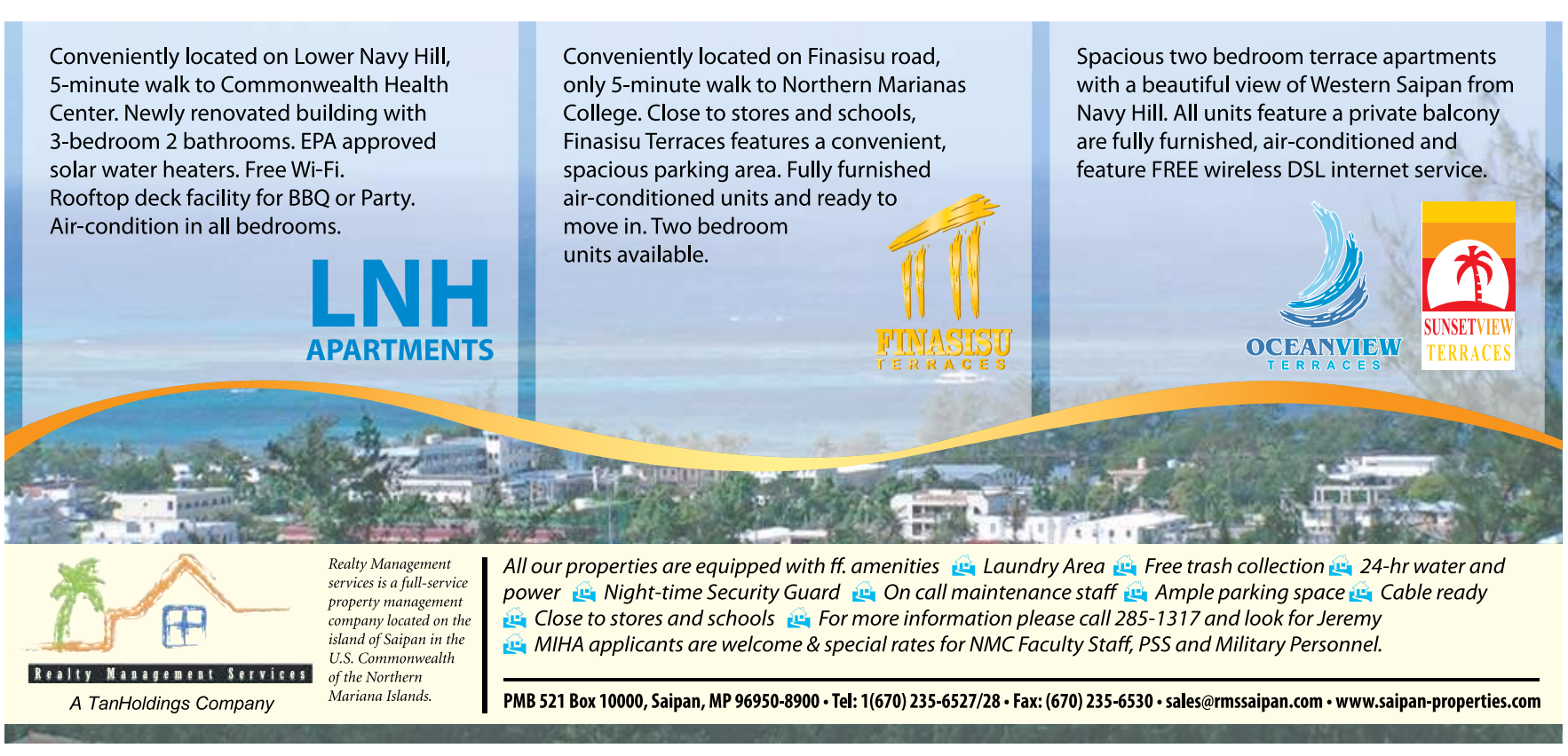
Announcing the penalty as a warning to all drug manufacturers, Justice Department officials said the overall settlement is the largest ever paid by a drug company for alleged violations of federal drug rules, and the $1.2 billion criminal fine is the largest ever in any U.S. criminal case. The total includes $1 billion in civil penalties and a $100 million criminal forfeiture.

Authorities called Pfizer a repeat offender, noting it is the company's fourth such settlement of government charges in the last decade. The allegations surround the marketing of 13 different drugs, including big sellers such as Viagra, Zoloft, and Lipitor.

As part of its illegal marketing, Pfizer invited doctors to consultant meetings at resort locations, paying their expenses and providing perks, prosecutors said.

"They were entertained with golf, massages, and other activities," said Mike Loucks, the U.S. attorney in Massachusetts.

Loucks said that even as Pfizer was negotiating deals on past misconduct, they were continuing to violate the very same laws with other drugs.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Nation

Big speech: Obama wants control of health debate

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama will deliver a major prime-time health care address to Congress next week, opening an urgent autumn push to gain control of the debate that has been slipping from his grasp under withering Republican-led attacks.

Scheduling of the speech next Wednesday night, just a day after lawmakers return from their August recess, underscores the determination of the White House to confront critics of Obama's overhaul proposals and to buck up supporters who have been thrown on the defensive. Allies have been urging the president to be more specific about his plans and to take a greater role in the debate, and aides have signaled he will do that in the address to a joint session of Congress in the House chamber.

Obama

The speech's timing also suggests that top Democrats have all but given up hope for a bipartisan breakthrough by Senate Finance Committee negotiators. The White House had given those six lawmakers until Sept. 15 to draft a plan, but next week's speech comes well ahead of that deadline.

It follows an August recess in which critics of Obama's health proposals dominated many public forums. Approval ratings for Obama, and for his health care proposals, dropped during August.

Senior adviser David Axelrod had said Tuesday that Obama was considering being "more prescriptive" about what he feels Congress must include in a health bill. Axelrod said all the key ideas for revising health care are "on the table," suggesting that Obama will not offer major new proposals.

But he may talk more specifically about his top priorities, and perhaps add details to pending plans, to save a high-profile initiative whose defeat would deliver a huge blow to his young presidency.

The president hopes to "take the reins of this debate and take it to the finish line," said an administration official who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity to discuss White House strategy. Obama hopes to put opponents in the position of having to propose their own plans or explain why they think it best to do nothing, the official said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Anniversary of WWII's end observed at Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP)—About 20 aging veterans, family members and dozens of government officials gathered aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial to mark the 64th anniversary of the end of World War II. The battleship was anchored in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, when Japanese officials came aboard to sign the surrender documents that officially ended the war. U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie told the crowd it was fitting for the Missouri to be moored Wednesday just a few hundred yards from the USS Arizona, which sank during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that drew the U.S. into the war. Pearl Harbor attack survivor Delton E. Walling says the anniversary was a solemn occasion. He says he was thinking of the men who died as the U.S. fought its way across the Pacific.

Schilling expresses some interest in Kennedy seat

BOSTON (AP)—Curt Schilling, the former major league pitcher who won the allegiance of Bostonians by leading the Red Sox to the 2004 World Series, said Wednesday that he has "some interest" in running for the seat held for nearly 50 years by Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Schilling, a registered independent and longtime Republican supporter, wrote on his blog that while his family and video game company, 38 Studios, are high priorities, "I do have some interest in the possibility." "That being said, to get to there, from where I am today, many, many things would have to align themselves for that to truly happen," he added.

Investigators look for clues into cause of CA fire

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Investigators gathered along a remote road in a blackened forest Wednesday and hunted for clues at the spot where a gigantic blaze ignited more than a week ago and quickly grew into one of the largest wildfires in Southern California history. Deputy incident commander Carlton Joseph said the fire was "human-caused," meaning it could have been ignited by a range of scenarios, from a dropped cigarette to a spark from something like a lawn mower. Joseph says investigators have several leads and notes that lightning has been ruled out as a possible cause. A trio of U.S. Forest Service investigators wearing black gloves spent most of the day beneath a partially burned oak tree at the bottom of a ravine, believed to be the spot where the fire started. One investigator shook soil in a can, while another used binoculars to get a closer look. They also had planted red, blue and yellow flags to signify important locations at the site.

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GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND

FINANCIAL AUDITS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RF09-061

OPENING DATE: August 28, 2009 CLOSING DATE: September 28, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is soliciting sealed proposals to perform a financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF), Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC), and Group Health and Life Insurance Trust Fund (GHLITF) for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2009 and 2010. To receive the RFP package, you may mail, fax or e-mail your request to:

David S. Demapan, Comptroller
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund
P.O. Box 501247 CK
Saipan, MP 96950-1247
Fax No. 670-664-8080
E-mail: comptroller@nmiretirement.com

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is the best interest of the Fund. All proposals shall become the property of the NMI Retirement Fund.

/s/ Mark A. Aguon
Administrator

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION

September 1, 2009

To all Candidates in the 2009 General Election:

The Commonwealth Election Commission has decided that in accordance with the intent of Public Law 15-7, that this year's ballot will be organized by race or offices wherein the names of candidates for a particular office or offices shall be placed together identified as candidates for a particular office and the name of the candidate's political party or independent candidacy shall be placed immediately under the candidate's name on the ballot.

Accordingly, Executive Director will be conducting the drawings for individual candidate's location on the ballot for a particular race or office will be held on Friday, September 4, 2009 at the time times listed below at the Commonwealth Election Commission's office. *See NMIAC* Section 30-10-402(b). Each candidate has the option of drawing their own number the corresponds to their placement on the ballot under the respective office they are campaigning for, or having a representative do this for them, i.e. a representative of their political party. *See NMIAC* Section 30-10-402(b). Candidates who fail to participate in the drawing shall be drawn by the staff of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

9:00 a.m. Governor, Mayor and Senate
10:00 a.m. House of Representatives
11:00 a.m. Board of Education, Municipal Coucil

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions please contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at 664-8683.

/s/ **FRANCES M. SABLAN**
Chairwoman

Asia

Indonesian quake leaves 46 dead, dozens missing

CIKANGKARENG, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers dug through rocks and debris with their bare hands Thursday in search of dozens of villagers believed buried in a landslide triggered by a strong Indonesian earthquake that killed at least 46 people and damaged thousands of buildings.

AP

Rescuers remove a victim after an earthquake-triggered landslide hit a village in Cianjur, West Java, Indonesia, Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009.

At least 110 people were hospitalized with injuries from the 7.0 magnitude quake just off the coast of densely populated Java island, Disaster Management Agency spokesman Priyadi Kardono said, adding that 10 were in critical condition.

The earthquake Wednesday afternoon caused destruction across West Java province, where more than 18,300 homes and offices were listed as damaged, around 9,000 of them seriously, Kardono said. At least 5,300 people were forced into temporary shelters, he said.

Some rural areas could not be reached by telephone and there may be more victims and damage, officials said.

Many of the deaths and injuries were caused by falling debris or collapsed walls and roofs.

In the village of Cikangkareng in Cianjur district, a landslide buried a row of homes under tons of rock and mud. At least 13 bodies were recovered and villagers were searching for dozens of people believed missing, Kardono said.

"Everything is gone, my wife, my old father-in-law and my house ... now I just hope to find the bodies of my family," farmer Ahmad Suhana, 34, said as he pried at giant stones with a crowbar.

Heavy digging equipment had not reached the remote village, which President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was to visit later Thursday. Police, military personnel and villagers used their hands.

India media: Politician killed in copter crash

BHYDERABAD, India (AP)—A powerful Indian politician and four other people were killed when their helicopter crashed in the dense jungles of southern India during a pounding rainstorm, Indian media reported Thursday.

The helicopter carrying Andhra Pradesh state Chief Minister Y.S.R. Reddy, 60, lost contact with air traffic controllers Wednesday morning as heavy rains pelted the region, setting off a frantic 24-hour search operation involving the army, air force and police in an area infested with Maoist rebels.

On Thursday morning, commandoes and police finally reached the site of the crash after hacking through the jungles and found the bodies of all five people who had been on the aircraft, including Reddy, Press Trust of India reported, quoting officials from the ruling Congress Party.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, vs. ANTONIO S. CAMACHO, ELPHIDIA MSP. CAMACHO, and CNMI DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, Defendants.) Civil Action No. 04-0588C) NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, here-inafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, here-inafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP. Camacho, jointly and severally, in the following described, lease of real property situated at the Commercial Port of Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

25 Year Ground Lease (File No. 88-348)
- Dated November 25, 1986
- Between Antonio Salas Camacho and the Commonwealth Ports Authority
- Of that certain tract parcel of land situated at the Commercial Port, designated as **Lot no. 032 E 03**, containing an area of 5,043 square meters (54,264.176 square feet), including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

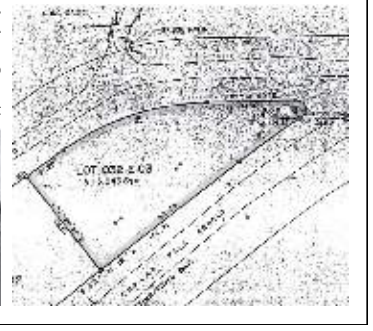
The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, September 25, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conduction the auction:
   a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject , on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit: Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price mush be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the lease, title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphedia MSP Camacho in the lease and property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the lease or real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 28th day of August, 2009.

/s/ **SANTIAGO F. TUDELA**, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Legal Description	Lot 032 E 03	**Utilities Available**	Power, Water, Telephone, Sewer, Cable
Total Land Area	5,043 sqm	**Highest & Best Use as Improved**	Continued Industrial Use
Location	Puerto Rico Lower Base	**Concluded Final Leasehold Value Estimate**	$178,000.00
Zoning	Industrial	**Rights Appraised**	Leasehold Interest



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
September 4, 2009

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to that certain **Writ of Execution on Personal Property** by the **CNMI Superior Court in Civil Action No. 04-0588C**, the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA"), **together with assistance of the CNMI Department of Public Safety**, shall auction off to the highest bidder **assets of Wespac Freight including office furniture, equipments and various other items.**

An inventory listing may be obtained at CDA Office, Gualo Rai or on our website at www.cda.gov.mp, photos are available online.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **Wespac Freight Parking Lot, Lower Base, Saipan on Friday, September 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.;**
4. Terms of the sale are cash, certified check, or credit card (Visa & Mastercard); and
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from site. Payment must be received before end of business day, 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void.

CDA is attempting to collect a debt and any payments received will be used for that purpose. Any interested party or person may contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager, CDA at 234-7145 for further information or to inspect the items. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2009

Commonwealth Development Authority
/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for Sai Mai Thai Noodle

The public is invited to provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application #2009-0296, Tract No. 21732-R1

Date: September 17, 2009, Thursday
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

Above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, September 18, 2009. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Victor Barret, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Chairman.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Japan's Democrats move toward launching coalition

TOKYO (AP)—The Democratic Party of Japan neared an agreement with two smaller parties Thursday on launching a coalition to push aside the outgoing Liberal Democrats, rein in the national bureaucracy and set a new course for the world's second-largest economy. Yukio Hatoyama, who heads the Democratic Party of Japan and is expected to be installed as prime minister on Sept. 16, met with members of the smaller parties and officials said they were near a consensus on policy issues.

China to approve single-dose swine flu vaccines

BEIJING (AP)—The answer may be near to a crucial question about vaccine for the advancing swine flu—one shot or two? Chinese officials say they are about to approve vaccines that prevent the new flu in a single dose. If they're right, it would be good news. Many health researchers fear it will take two shots to protect people, vastly complicating efforts to stem the spread of the illness.

Afghan spy boss killed in Taliban suicide attack

KABUL (AP)—A Taliban suicide bomber attacked officials leaving a mosque east of the capital Wednesday, killing the country's deputy intelligence chief and 22 other people in a major blow to Afghanistan's security forces. The brazen assault occurred as tensions are running high after last month's divisive presidential election and a sharp rise in U.S. casualties—events that have already raised alarm in Washington over the future of President Barack Obama's strategy to turn the tide of the war. A Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which happened as Afghan dignitaries were leaving the main mosque in Mehterlam, 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Kabul, after ceremonies marking the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

World

Gunmen kill 17 people at a drug rehab in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)—Gunmen broke into a drug rehabilitation center and shot 17 people dead in a northern Mexican border city, an official said.

The attackers on Wednesday broke down the door of El Aliviane center in Ciudad Juarez, lined up their victims against a wall and opened fire, said Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the regional prosecutors' office. At least five people were injured.

Authorities had no immediate suspects or information on the victims. Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, is Mexico's most violent city, with at least 1,400 people killed this year alone. Most of the homicides are tied to drug gang violence.

Dozens of sobbing relatives rushed to the center to find out if their loved ones were among the dead. Soldiers and federal agents patrolled the streets surrounding the center in the Bellavista neighborhood.

President Felipe Calderon sent thousands more troops and federal police to Ciudad Juarez earlier this year, but the surge has done little to stem the raging violence. The city is home to the Juarez drug cartel, which is battling other gangs for trafficking and dealing turf.

The government is struggling to revamp Ciudad Juarez's police force, which is plagued by corruption and the assassination of many of its officers. Other police have quit the force out of fear of being targeted.

WORLD BRIEFS

Libya denies Lockerbie bomber in intensive care

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya denied reports Wednesday that the only man convicted in the 1988 Lockerbie bombing was taken to intensive care after his illness from terminal prostate cancer worsened. A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mohammad Seyala, said Abdel Baset al-Megrahi has actually been moved to a special VIP wing of the hospital in Libya's capital, Tripoli, where he is being treated. "Al-Megrahi is not in a dangerous situation and is receiving full treatment from a team of Libyan doctors," said Seyala. Al-Megrahi's family said earlier Wednesday that doctors informed them that their relative was moved to intensive care but they had not been allowed to visit him in the unit. They spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of government reaction.

Bloodshed at Iranian camp tests US-Iraq transition

BAGHDAD (AP)—The women formed a human chain while the men chanted, confronting Iraqi troops moving into their compound. Gunfire rang out, and the soldiers waded in with batons, wooden bats and automatic weapons. By the end, officials said, 11 Iranian exiles were dead—shot, beaten or run over by military vehicles. Throughout the confrontation, American soldiers who once protected the Iranian opposition group stood by. According to U.S officials, they had no legal authority to intervene. One video taken by the exiles even shows soldiers get into a white SUV and roll up their windows as the bloodied men plead for help.

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Tinian Harbor Improvements
CPA-TS-001-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals to repair certain features to the dock at the Tinian Harbor. A detailed scope of work will be available at the office of the Executive Office on Thursday, September 3, 2009.

The proposals shall include the following:
- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for Improvements at the Tinian Harbor, CPA-TS-001-09"***. The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

Questions will be accepted until September 21, 2009 and are to be submitted in writing to the office of the Executive Director or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the office of the Tinian Ports Manager at the Tinian International Airport. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: September 2, 2009

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Division of Labor
Second Floor Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone no. (670) 236-0907 or 0911 Facsimile no. (670) 236-0992

PUBLIC NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR INVESTIGATION

The Non-resident worker and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Enforcement Section, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Building, San Antonio, Saipan. This notice will serve as "Proof of Service for the notice to appear for investigation". For information, please contact Investigator, Jeffrey T. Camacho at 236-0900 ext. 275.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
Meprawat, Siriwan	Vitaliano, Moses K.	CAC#09-237-07	09/09/2009 10AM

Failure to appear at your scheduled investigation shall be grounds for default and may result in the referral of affected worker to the Division of Immigration for their action and sanction against the employer

Dated this 17th day of August 2009.

Jeffrey T. Camacho

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Department of Labor
Afetna Sq. Building, 2nd floor, San Antonio, Saipan MP

NOTICES

EMPLOYERS OF FOREIGN WORKERS

Uncertainty remains as to whether the Commonwealth will continue to operate its labor system and all Commonwealth labor laws will remain in effect, or federal law will come into effect in November. The Court has not yet decided the Commonwealth's challenge to federalization of the labor function. In any event, the federal legislation requires the U.S. to respect CNMI work/entry permits issued prior to the date of federalization for the length of the permit but not to exceed two years. Employers of foreign workers should take action before September 30, 2009 to ensure that the necessary permits are issued.

PENDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS WITH DEFICIENCIES. The Division of Labor Processing Section is up to date. Applications submitted more than 15 days ago have been reviewed. Permits for approved applications have been issued. If a permit has not been issued it is likely that the application is deficient or denied. If that is the case, the deficiencies must be corrected or an appeal of the denial must be filed. Applications cannot be approved until the problems have been corrected. Employers and employees should check the Labor website (HYPERLINK "http://www.marianaslabor.net" www.marianaslabor.net) to review the Deficiencies/Denials. The website will show the reason for the deficiency/denial.

NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS. Employers may use a number of tools, available by law and regulation, to maximize the duration of the work/entry permits of their foreign workers. Two Year Permit: Employers may apply for a two-year permit for renewal, transfer, or new applications. The two-year permit requires payment of the fee for two years and submission of a bond for two years along with all other requirements. Contract Extension: An employer may extend a contract for up to six months. This requires submission of a contract extension; a bond for the extension period; and payment of $35.00 per month for each month of extension. Contract Amendment (Adding Additional Year): Employers may amend a contract to change it from a one-year to a two-year term. This requires submission of a contract amendment; a two year bond; payment of a $25.00 amendment fee; updated health certificate; and payment of the second year application fee. Contract Amendment (To Shorten Term): Employers may amend the expiration date of an existing contract to shorten the term. This requires submission of a contract amendment and payment of a $25.00 amendment fee. The employer may then renew for a two year term.

If you have any questions you may contact Acting Director of Labor, Glenda Reyes, at 236-0944 or by e-mail at greyes@cnmi-gov.net

FOREIGN NATIONAL WORKERS

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SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYERS OF FOREIGN WORKERS

As of October 1, 2009, business employers with fewer than five employees must employ at least one U.S. citizen on a full-time basis. Section 4526(a) of Public Law 15-108 provides: "The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to employers of fewer than five (5) employees, provided however, the Secretary may, by regulation, require each business to have at least one employee who is a citizen or permanent resident . . . ." By regulation, the Secretary has lifted this exemption and required each business (other than owner-operated businesses with no employees) to employ at least one U.S. citizen. See Section 30.2-705 of the Department's regulations, as amended. The Division of Employment Services will monitor compliance beginning on October 1, 2009. Non-compliance may result in the revocation of the entry/work permits of the employer's foreign workers.

CLOSURE OF 2008 and PRIOR YEAR CASES

First notice, September 1, 2009
Second notice, September 4, 2008

LABOR CASES

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Labor that all labor cases filed in 2008 and prior years have been closed. If you have a case from the years 2008 and prior (beginning with the letters LC and the numbers 08, 07, 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01, 00, 99, 98, or 97) that you believe remains open, please bring the complaint document to Jeff Camacho, Supervisor, Enforcement Division, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Sq. Building, San Antonio, Saipan on or before September 15, 2009.

AGENCY CASES

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Labor that all agency cases filed in 2008 and prior years have been closed. If you were a named participant in a case from the years 2008 and prior (beginning with the letters CAC and the numbers 08, 07, 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01, 00, 99, 98, or 97) and you believe your claims remain open, please bring your documents to Jeff Camacho, Supervisor, Enforcement Division, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Sq. Building, San Antonio, Saipan on or before September 15, 2009.

DENIAL CASES

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Labor that all denial cases filed in 2008 and prior years have been closed. If you have a case from the years 2008 and prior (beginning with the letters DC and the numbers 08, 07, 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01, 00, 99, 98, or 97) that you believe remains open, please bring the denial document to Dennis Cabrera, Clerk, Administrative Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Sq. Building, San Antonio, Saipan on or before September 15, 2009.

TRANSFER CASES

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Labor that all matters involving transfers filed in 2008 and prior years have been closed. If you have a transfer matter from the years 2008 and prior that you believe remains open, please bring your documents to Jeff Camacho, Supervisor, Enforcement Division, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Sq. Building, San Antonio, Saipan on or before September 15, 2009.

APPEALS AND REMANDS

Notice is hereby given by the Department of Labor that all appeals to the Secretary filed in 2008 and prior years have been closed. If you have an appeal from the years 2008 and prior (beginning with the letters SA and the numbers 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, or 1997) that you believe remains open, please bring the appeal document to Mary Agulto, Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Sq. Building, San Antonio, Saipan on or before September 15, 2009.

This is a final notice.

Off The Wall

Giant national debt needs giant calculator

MONTROSE, Colo. (AP)—The national debt is so large, it doesn't even fit on most calculators. Western Colorado real estate developer Matt Miles says he was concerned that no one in government, nor most Americans, had ever seen the number. So he made a new calculator.

The "Big Red" calculator displays 16 digits. That's enough to show all the numbers in the national debt, which totaled nearly $11.8 trillion—or $11,792,918,170,836.43—at the start of September.

Miles says he wants to get people thinking about how much the United States owes.

He wouldn't say how much he invested to launch Big Red, but he says the number fits comfortably on a standard calculator.

Big Red's price needs only four digits. It's on sale for $12.99 at Amazon.com.

Pingpong lovers: China allows champ a girlfriend

BEIJING (AP)—As the reigning table tennis world champion with two Olympic silver medals under his belt, China's Wang Hao almost had it all—except a girlfriend.

The 25-year-old was banned from dating until recently, when national team officials permitted his relationship with former national teammate, 23-year-old Peng Luyang, the government-owned China Daily reported Wednesday.

"Both of them are old enough and it's normal," the newspaper quoted Peng's coach Qiao Yunping as saying.

Strict control of athletes' personal lives is common in China's rigid state-run sporting system, which grooms young hopefuls in specialized sports schools around the country to become gold medalists, providing them with intensive training and free food, clothes and shelter.

Under the watchful eye of team officials, star athletes are often banned from dating or marrying until a certain age, restricted in endorsement contracts and sometimes have a large percentage of their winnings taken away.

Athletes who date without permission risk being punished. In 2004, Wang started dating another fellow national team player, Fan Ying, and officials kicked Fan off the national team. Media reports said Wang avoided punishment at the time because his world ranking was much higher than Fan's.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ex-inmate injured trying to sneak back into jail

SHARPES, Fla. (AP)—A former inmate in Florida was injured while trying to sneak back into jail. Sylvester Jiles suffered severe cuts from barbed wire while trying to climb a 12-foot fence at the Brevard County Detention Center Monday night. The 24-year-old former inmate was released last week from the jail after accepting a plea deal on a manslaughter charge. He showed up at the jail Monday night and asked to be taken back into custody because he feared family members of his victim would retaliate against him. Jail officials said they couldn't take him in and told him to file a police report. Instead, he tried to climb over the barbed-wire fence and fell in his attempt.

Bank's thumbprint rule irks man born with no arms

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A Florida man born without arms says a Tampa bank would not let him cash a check because he couldn't provide a thumbprint. Steve Valdez didn't have an account at a Bank of America location in downtown Tampa, where he tried to cash a check from his wife last week. However, Valdez has prosthetic arms and is unable to provide a thumbprint. He says he presented two forms of identification but was still denied. He says a bank manager told him he could either come back to the bank with his wife or open an account himself.

Fla. deputy helps raccoon with head stuck in jar

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP)—A Gulf coast raccoon has a sheriff's deputy to thank for helping him out of a sticky situation. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office was alerted to the distressed critter Wednesday morning. A fitness instructor reported seeing the raccoon with his head stuck in a jar at a Palm Harbor elementary school parking lot, about 25 miles north of St. Petersburg. A deputy responded to the scene and was able to gently approach the animal. Authorities said he managed to pull the peanut butter jar off and set the raccoon free. Both the animal and the deputy escaped unharmed.

Vermont man admits stealing neighbor's electricity

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. (AP)—A Vermont man admitted stealing electricity from his neighbor. Louis Martinez, 29, pleaded guilty Tuesday to misdemeanor theft of services and was ordered to pay $429 in fines and surcharges. The Rutland Herald reported police learned about the matter in July. Police spoke with a representative from Central Vermont Public Service, who said Martinez's power had been disconnected in June for nonpayment. The landlord showed police a yellow extension cord plugged into the electrical box of Martinez's neighbor, leading up to Martinez's apartment. The neighbor said she noticed her electric bill was really high. Martinez said he had no power in his apartment, yet his refrigerator was cool and there were ice cubes in the freezer.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB09-REV-154

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PRINTING OF THE 2009 FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR W-2CM AND OS-3710 FOR THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION OFFICE"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, CENTRAL OFFICE, DANDAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS. **PLEASE CONTACT MS. FRANCES ADA OR MS. DELCINA TUDELA AT (670) 664-1000/98 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/s/ **ROBERT A. SCHRACK**
ACTING SECRETARY OF FINACE

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP09-DEQ-145

SUBMISSION: OCTOBER 1, 2009 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE, SAIPAN"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M.** AT THE DEQ MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR GUALO RAI CENTER, GUALO RAI, SAIPAN.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A) - (D).

/s/ **FRANK M. RABAULIMAN**
DIRECTOR OF DEQ

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB09-CHC-144

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.
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/s/ **JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ**
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP09-DPL-134

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"RESEARCH AND SURVEYS FOR LOT TD-355, ISLAND OF ROTA, CNMI AND ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS SURROUNDING LOT TD-355 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP09-CHC-138

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 • TIME: 3:00 P.M.

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Replacement of Lighting Fixtures
Saipan Commercial Port
Project No. CPA-SS-003-09a

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the complete replacement of 117 light fixtures on thirteen (13) light poles, located along the ocean front of the dock at Saipan Seaport.

A detailed scope of work is available at the office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Replacement of Lighting Fixtures at the Saipan Commercial Port, Project Number CPA-SS-003-09a"***. The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 18, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at *3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009* at the Port of Saipan Conference Room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: September 2, 2009

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AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units
at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and
CPA Saipan Seaport Building
Project No. RFP-006-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified air-conditioning and refrigeration companies for service and preventive maintenance of the air-conditioning units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and the CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 237-6500. A pre-proposal meeting and on-site visit is mandatory and to be conducted on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting and on-site inspection of the units will be allowed to submit proposals.

The term of the Service and Preventive Maintenance Services contract shall be for two (2) years. Performance and payment bonds will be required for this project and the cost of acquiring the bonds should be included in the proposed price.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Service and Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport/CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Project No. RFP-006-09." Associated costs for the airport and seaport buildings should be submitted together but as separate proposals. Determination of the winning proposal will be based on the overall price for both airport and seaport.

All proposals shall be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m.** local time, **Friday, September 11, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CPA Procurement Regulations.

CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E. August 28, 2009
Executive Director

Science & Technology

AP Sources: YouTube may offer online movie rentals

LOS ANGELES (AP)—YouTube, Google Inc.'s online video streaming service, is in talks with Hollywood studios to rent new release movies online, according to people familiar with the talks.

The move follows similar deals by Apple Inc.'s iTunes and others.

A final deal would be contingent on pricing and an agreed-upon release date, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because discussions were still ongoing.

The move takes YouTube one step away from an ad-supported business model, but does not break the mold of other online rental deals already struck by iTunes, Amazon.com Inc. and Cinemanow.com, a unit of Sonic Solutions. All of them offer movie rentals for between $1.99 and $3.99 each with a 24-hour viewing period.

The talks were first reported on The Wall Street Journal's Web site Wednesday.

Tweet for hire: More big businesses hire tweeters

CHICAGO (AP)—People around the world interact with Alecia Dantico all day. Usually, though, they don't know whether she's young or old, male or female.

What her followers on Facebook and Twitter know is that's she's a friendly, sometimes sassy, blue and gold tin of Garrett Popcorn. That's the icon of the popular Chicago-based snack food that has tourists and locals lining up around the block at locations here and in New York City.

And when Dantico sends out a "virtual tin" of popcorn to a fan over Twitter, she's breaking new ground in the way companies market themselves, joining a growing number of social media experts hired to man Twitter, Facebook and similar sites.

"My day starts on Twitter and it doesn't really end," Dantico says. She keeps her BlackBerry on at all hours to respond to followers in different time zones. "It's driving my family crazy, but that's OK."

Multinational corporations, such as Ford Motor Co. and Coca-Cola Co., are beginning to use social media to increase positive sentiment, build customer rapport and correct misinformation, says Adam Brown, Coca-Cola's Atlanta-based director of social media.

CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY TIPS

By ROB PEGORARO
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It's easy to paste a Web address into an e-mail or instant message, but lengthy addresses can spill onto a second line, which may stop the link from working at all. I've written before about using Web-shortcut sites like TinyURL.com or (my own favorite) bit.ly to get around this problem, but the cryptic addresses those sites generate can leave readers guessing about where you'll be sending them.

Instead, you can try condensing the original address with some trial-and-error editing. Bring up the page in your browser, then delete everything to the right of its last slash and hit the Enter key to reload the page; if that doesn't work, try deleting everything after ".html" in the address. Then try deleting everything to the left of the site's domain name. (For example, you can boil down http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/17/AR2009071703851.html?hpid=sec-tech to washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/17/AR2009071703851.html in this way.) If it still works, you've got a pruned address that will be a little easier to share.

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Using a digital camera that takes rechargeable AA batteries means you can always buy a set of standard AAs in an emergency. But proper preparation can reduce the odds that you'll need to pay—more likely, overpay—for extra batteries while on vacation.

First, make sure your rechargeables still hold a charge at all, since they can lose that ability over time. Second, make sure they're charged up before you go anywhere, because they will run down on their own when left idle. Third, pack a second set whenever you're carrying the camera—easy enough to do when most rechargeable AAs are sold in packs of four—so you don't find your camera out of juice in the middle of a hike in the wilderness. And remember the charger, even if you're only going on a short trip; the camera's flash and screen can drain a set of batteries faster than you'd like.

Study finds prime time on the Internet is 11pm

By PETER SVENSSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Chances are they're online. According to a study, North Americans have been staying up late to do their Internet surfing this summer, so late that the peak usage for the whole day has been at 11pm Eastern time.

That appears to be a shift from previous years, when most Internet activity was in the daytime.

The new study by Chelmsford, Mass.-based Internet security firm Arbor Networks found that people using the Internet at work and school produce a smaller traffic peak around 4pm Eastern time on weekdays.

Internet activity then declines as people head home. At 8pm Eastern, U.S. and Canadian home Internet traffic starts spiking, and stays surprisingly strong past midnight, Arbor found. At 2am Eastern, overall traffic is as high as it is at 9am, when people are logging in at work.

Of course, 11pm Eastern time is just 8pm on the West Coast. But the Eastern and Central time zones account for three-quarters of the U.S. population, so it's clear there's lot of late-night traffic.

It also seems North Americans are staying up much later on the Internet than Europeans. Their traffic peaks when it's 9pm in Western and Central Europe, and then drops sharply.

So what is it that keeps us up at night?

Internet video, including both YouTube and pornography, appears to be a big part of the answer, according to Arbor's Craig Labovitz. Video usage peaks at midnight Eastern, later than any other traffic.

Gaming is another big evening activity, but one that's most intense between 8pm and 11pm Eastern, coinciding with TV's prime time for most Americans. Labovitz found a jump in gaming traffic at exactly 8pm Eastern, and speculates that it's caused by "World of Warcraft" players who prearrange to get together at that time to tackle virtual monsters.

Arbor gathers data from Internet service providers that account for about half of North American traffic. The study looked at 10 weekdays in July.

Message of Appreciation

Ginen I Korason Mame

To say "Thank you or Si Yu'us Ma'ase" may be very simple, yet it comes with sincere interpretation of true feelings from the heart, and it is the expression our hearts are pouring out to many relatives and friends, from near and afar, who stood by us expressing words of wisdom, comforted us and embraced us with much love as we endure the pain of our dearly beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister:

†Rita Hocog Inos, Ed.D

Your presence at the daily masses of intention, nightly rosaries, and most especially during the Memorial Tribute on Saipan and Mass of Christian Burial on Rota deeply touched our hearts and assures us of how much our dearly beloved is loved and in her own special way, is indeed grateful for your presence love and support.

Our family extends a special "Thank you or Si Yu'us Ma'ase" to: Saint Jude Church, Father Charley, Mount Carmel Cathedral, His Excellency Bishop Thomas A. Camacho, Rev. Father M. Ayuyu and clergy members, San Francisco de Borja Church, Rev. Father Isaac M. Ayuyu, Monsignor Luis Antonelli, Rev. Father DelphinTumaca.

Rosary Techas Malua Peter (Saipan), Jacinta Calvo and Milagro "Nan Bago" Manglona (Rota)

And all of our family and friends, too numerous to mention, who in one way or another cared for our beloved or stood by our side during this time of grief.

Our dearly beloved is now at rest and as each new day begins, we look forward in keeping her spirit alive with fond memories. Your kindness and love will forever be treasured as we keep them close to our hearts and may Almighty God shower us all with His grace and blessings forever.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ya Si Yu'us U Bendise Hit Todos.

Cristobal, Denise, Ana Blossom, Elisabeth and Family

Life & Style

King of Pop to rest among quiet, history

SUE MANNING
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GLENDALE, California (AP)—Michael Jackson's life played out on a world stage, headlines screaming his every move, frenzy following his footsteps.

His death, memorial and investigation amplified the delirium and prolonged the anguish of family and fans. Today, he is scheduled to be interred at Forest Lawn Glendale in what will be a hidden monument in a mausoleum made of marble and mortar.

There will be only silence. No marquees, no spotlights, no paparazzi.

He will be enveloped by the grandeur of the grounds, the majesty of the buildings and the significance of history.

In the Great Mausoleum, he will join Hollywood legends of yesterday like Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, W.C. Fields and Red Skelton, as well as "The Last Supper Window," a lifesize stained glass recreation of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, and Moses, a reproduction of Michelangelo's sculpture for the tomb of Pope Julius II in Rome.

On a hilltop nearby, in a building the size of a sports arena, hang two of the world's largest paintings, "The Crucifixion" and "Resurrection."

Like so many of the people in it, the park has also become fabled. Founded in 1906 by a group of businessmen on 55 hillside acres (22 hectares) in the town of Tropico (later Glendale), there was no forest and no lawn, just a traditional dusty graveyard with granite tombstones and elaborate messages.

By the time Hubert Eaton arrived in 1912 at the age of 31, according to Forest Lawn literature, he had graduated from college in Missouri, punched cattle in Montana and lost a small fortune on a silver mine in Nevada. He took the job as sales manager at the cemetery so he could repay his mine backers.

He convinced people to buy plots before they died. After just a year, he had increased sales 250 percent. After three years, his sales had multiplied so much, he was able to buy a stake in the company and was named general manager.

Despite resistance from his board of directors, monument makers, the community and customers, Eaton eliminated tombstones so grass could be planted and lawns mowed; he renounced the name "cemetery," changing it to "memorial park"; he started collecting world-class art or detailed reproductions; and he added mausoleums, acres, trees, florist, gift shop and chapels that are used for funerals and weddings.

In 1933, Eaton was the first to combine a mortuary with a cemetery, overcoming opposition from morticians, casket makers, and the state. Today, the Glendale park covers 300 acres and employs 150 people.

In this Aug. 19, 2009 file photo, the entrance to Forest Lawn Memorial Park cemetery is shown in Glendale, Calif. AP

The park was divided into sections like Slumberland, Babyland, Graceland and Inspiration Slope. You can find places for immortality, affection, tranquility, mercy, harmony, fidelity and devotion.

A patriotic theme was incorporated in the early 1950s with the Court of Freedom, the Freedom Mausoleum and sections with names like liberty and victory.

For decades, Forest Lawn, like so many other cemeteries, had a whites-only policy, but park spokesman William Martin said he didn't know what year that ended.

The number of Forest Lawn locations has grown to 10—Hollywood Hills, Glendale and Covina Hills are the three largest.

"They have a reputation for excellence. They are highly respected in every regard. They take excellent care of their facilities. They handle a high volume of families. Most of their employees are long-term and dedicated to their work. Those things say a lot about a company," said Ron Hast, executive editor and publisher of the Northern California-based Mortuary Management with Funeral Monitor, who was one of Marilyn Monroe's pallbearers in services in 1962 at Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

Martin, who has been communications manager at Forest Lawn Glendale for nearly four years, dodges most questions, including names of famous inhabitants, how many people are interred there or how much room is left. He is even tighter lipped about Jackson.

When asked if there had been increased interest in Forest Lawn since the Jackson family announced its plans, he said, "The public interest has been raised. That's putting it mildly."

Hast operated a transportation back-up service for Forest Lawn for 25 years. He doesn't know exactly how many people are there, but it is "tens of thousands." The celebrity list is long and includes George Burns, Gracie Allen, Walt Disney and Nat King Cole, he said.

Hast said the park is a good fit for Jackson, because they are experts at handling celebrity security "and they will do it with elegance and good taste."

Scott Michaels, owner of Dearly Departed Tours in Los Angeles, believes Forest Lawn Glendale has a double standard when it comes to celebrities. "They protect their celebrities vehemently, but they brag about them," he said.

"Not too long ago, they had an exhibit in their museum about celebrities buried in their cemetery," Michaels said. "These people wanted to be famous when they were alive. Fame didn't end with their deaths. We still watch their movies. It's frustrating for some not to be able to pay their respects."

Martin acknowledged there was a time when Forest Lawn boasted about its celebrity crowd, but no more.

"We don't advertise, we don't market it," he said. "It is just inappropriate."

Over 70,000 people have been married at Forest Lawn parks. Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman and Regis Philbin and his wife Joy were married at Wee Kirk o' the Heather church at Glendale.

Fifth Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of

Jose Concepcion Muna
"Jose Dedi"

We cordially invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers to commemorate the FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of his death.

Daily mass will be prayed at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00AM starting Monday August 31, 2009 thru September 5, 2009 except on Sunday September 6, 2009 mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM.

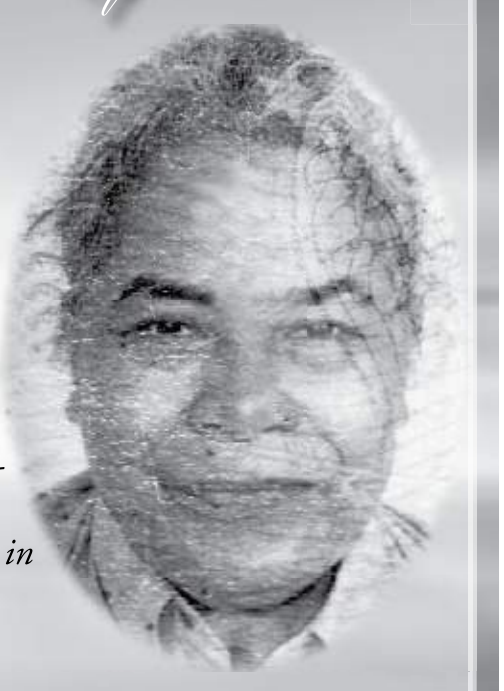
Mass of Intention will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00AM on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Breakfast will be served immediately after the service at Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

Dankulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ginen I asagua na Consolaction
Borja Muna I familia

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late

Conception Igimara Misa Guiao



wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for your kind expression of love, sympathy, and support during this difficult time of sorrow in the passing of our beloved into the caring hands of our Creator.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to all the doctors, nurses, Man'amko, the Guiao family, Danny Bunyag and to all who have supported us in one way or another, for your presence at the Eucharistic Celebration and Interment. For the many acts of kindness and generosity which gave us the strength and courage to endure our loss—We thank you.

May God continue to bless us all.

Teddy Guiao & Family

5 acts reach finals on 'America's Got Talent'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The judges on "America's Got Talent" are breaking the rules.

Instead of choosing between two acts for one coveted spot in the show's final round, Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff changed things up Wednesday and invited both acts to return to the NBC talent show.

"Judges can do whatever they want on this show," host Nick Cannon said. "Anything goes."

A trio of tenors, three singing siblings, five dancing sisters, a 75-year-old comedian and a singing chicken farmer will advance to the finals. Five other acts were dismissed during Wednesday's episode.

Viewers selected The Texas Tenors, comedian Grandma Lee and singer Kevin Skinner via phone, e-mail and text message votes. Judges were to choose between the fourth- and fifth-place vote-getters: singing siblings The Voices of Glory and dancing sisters The Fab Five.

Cannon

"I can't do it, Nick. Sorry," Osbourne said. Hasselhoff also demurred. Then Morgan spoke: "We have decided there will be no judges' pick. We're going to send you both to the final."

Cannon appeared a tad flustered by the move, but kept a broad smile on his face.

"This is live television," he reminded the judges as they deliberated at the end of the episode.

They heaped praise on the five new finalists during their performances Tuesday. Hasselhoff said the Texas Tenors were "without a doubt the front-runner to win this competition," while Morgan picked Skinner as his favorite. Osbourne predicted good things for the Voices of Glory, saying, "The next time I see you guys, it will be at the final."

Another 10 semi-finalists will compete for the remaining final four spots next week.

All are vying for a $1 million prize and the chance to headline a Las Vegas show in October. Jerry Springer will emcee the program at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

Wednesday's results show also featured Hasselhoff singing on stage. He performed the bluesy classic "Feeling Good." Miss Piggy and Kermit of the Muppets also performed. They sang "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," backed by four dancing chickens.

Kennedy memoir reveals remorse over fatal accident

NEW YORK (AP)—In a posthumous memoir, Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy writes of fear and remorse surrounding the fateful events on Chappaquiddick Island in 1969, when his car accident left a woman dead, and says he accepted the finding that a lone gunman assassinated his brother President John F. Kennedy.

The memoir, "True Compass," is to be published Sept. 14 by Twelve, a division of the Hachette book group. The 532-page book was obtained early by The New York Times.

In it, Kennedy says his actions on Chappaquiddick on July 18, 1969, were "inexcusable." He says he was afraid and "made terrible decisions" and had to live with the guilt for more than four decades.

Kennedy drove off a bridge into a pond. He swam to safety, leaving Mary Jo Kopechne in the car.

Kopechne, a worker with slain Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's campaign, was found dead in the submerged car's back seat 10 hours later. Kennedy, then 37, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and got a suspended sentence and probation.

Kennedy also writes in the memoir that he always accepted the official findings on his brother John's assassination.

He said he had a full briefing by Earl Warren, the chief justice on the commission that investigated the Nov. 22, 1963, Dallas shooting, which was attributed to Lee Harvey Oswald. He said he was convinced the Warren Commission got it right and he was "satisfied then, and satisfied now."

In the book, Kennedy writes candidly about his battle with brain cancer and his "self-destructive drinking," especially after the 1968 death of his brother Robert.

He also explains why he decided to run for the presidency in 1980, saying he was motivated in part by his differences with then-President Jimmy Carter. He criticized Carter's go-slow approach to providing universal health care.

The book was written with the help of a collaborator and was based on contemporaneous notes taken by Kennedy throughout his life and hours of recordings for an oral history project.

Kennedy died last week at age 77.

AP source: DJ AM autopsy finds pills in stomach

NEW YORK (AP)—DJ AM had prescription pills in his stomach and one in his throat when police found him dead in his apartment, a New York City official said Wednesday.

The official told The Associated Press that six pills were found in the celebrity disc jockey's stomach and that the pill in his throat appeared to be the powerful painkiller OxyContin.

The official didn't know how strong a dose each pill contained and wasn't sure what kind of pills were in DJ AM's stomach.

The official was familiar with the preliminary autopsy report released last week but was not authorized to talk publicly about it and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 36-year-old, whose real name was Adam Goldstein, was found Friday evening in his apartment in New York City's trendy SoHo neighborhood after a friend called 911. Paramedics had to break down the door before they found him, shirtless and wearing sweat pants, in his bed around 5:20 p.m. There was no evidence of foul play.

A crack pipe and prescription pill bottles were discovered there. Final autopsy and toxicology reports are pending.

Goldstein had openly discussed

AP

In this March 18, 2006 photo, celebrity disc jockey Adam Goldstein, also known as DJ AM, spins records at the Moody Blues clothing store opening in Scottsdale, Ariz.

past addictions to crack cocaine, Ecstasy and other drugs. In October, MTV was to debut his reality show, "Gone Too Far," in which he and concerned families staged interventions for drug abusers. MTV hasn't said whether Goldstein's show will air.

In an interview with the AP last month, he said the show provided a "terrifying" reminder of his own addiction.

Goldstein was critically hurt in a plane crash last September in Columbia, S.C., that killed four people. He was flying in a Learjet after a performance with Travis Barker, a drummer for the pop-punk band Blink-182 and Goldstein's partner in the duo TRVSDJ-AM.

Barker and Goldstein were burned. Goldstein had to get skin graft surgery but resumed performing about a month later. Over the weekend, Blink-182 pulled out of a show in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., saying band members were grieving over the death of their friend.

Goldstein rose to fame several years ago as a DJ known for his mashups—blends of at least two songs. He performed in clubs, on concert stages and at exclusive Hollywood parties. His personal life also garnered attention, as he dated actress-singer Mandy Moore and reality TV star Nicole Richie.

Documents filed Wednesday in Los Angeles by Goldstein's mother, Andrea Gross, show the entertainer was trying to sell his Hollywood Hills home and his attorneys were in settlement discussions in a lawsuit filed over the plane crash.

Goldstein had sought $20 million in damages, but any award would have been decided by a jury if the case went to trial.

Judge says Jackson's estate can pay for funeral

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson's estate will pay what are being called "extraordinary" expenses for the pop singer's funeral, attorneys and a judge said Wednesday.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff authorized the current administrators of Jackson's estate to pay for Jackson's funeral and interment, which are scheduled for Thursday evening.

Attorneys for Jackson's mother, Katherine, had asked the judge to sign off on the expenses, which have not been disclosed.

No one contested who would pay the costs, but Beckloff said he had concerns about whether Jackson's estate could afford it.

Jeryll Cohen, an attorney for the administrators of Jackson's estate, said the costs will be paid. She said the debt-ridden estate has enough cash to pay for the funeral. "The expenses are extraordinary, however, Michael Jackson was extraordinary," Cohen said.

Few details about the service have been disclosed. Cohen said during the hearing that part of the reason it was so expensive was because 12 burial spaces were being bought.

Beckloff said normally, costs of a funeral would be paid by the estate after the service. But Jackson's family couldn't afford to pay the costs upfront and wait for reimbursement.

Jackson is scheduled to be interred in a mausoleum at Forest Lawn Glendale, which is about eight miles north of downtown Los Angeles. He will be placed in the Great Mausoleum, where he'll join Hollywood legends such as Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, W.C. Fields and Red Skelton, as well as "The Last Supper Window," a life-size stained glass recreation of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece.

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Gerald Butler, Amber Valletta
Action, Thriller • Rated R
Synopsis
Set in the near future, a time when mind-control technology has taken society by storm. Humans control other humans in a mass-scale, multiplayer online game. Reclusive billionaire Ken Castle has created the controversial form of entertainment, "Slayers," a hugely popular game that allows millions to act out their innermost desires and fantasies - online - in front of a global audience. Gaming has evolved into a terrifying new dimension-mind control-manipulation-people playing people. At the center is Kable, the superstar and cult hero of "Slayers," the savage, ultra-violent first person shooter game.

Final Destination 4
Friday 4:25 7:20 9:30
Sat & Sun 1:30 4:25 7:20 9:30
Monday 1:30 4:25 7:20
Tue thru Thurs 4:25 7:20
Bobby Campo, Shantel VanSanten
Supernatural • Rated R
Synopsis
On what should have been a fun-filled day at the races, Nick O'Bannon has a horrific premonition in which a bizarre sequence of events causes multiple race cars to crash, sending flaming debris into the stands, brutally killing his friends and causing the upper deck of the stands to collapse on him. When he comes out of this grisly nightmare Nick panics, persuading his girlfriend, Lori, and their friends, Janet and Hunt, to leave... escaping seconds before Nick's frightening vision becomes a terrible reality. Thinking they've cheated death, the group has a new lease on life, but unfortunately for Nick and Lori, it is only the beginning.

Inglourious Basterds
Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Sat & Sun 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Monday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Tue thru Thurs 4:00 7:00
Brad Pitt, Diane Kruger
Political • Rated R
Synopsis
In the first year of the German occupation of France, Shosanna Dreyfus witnesses the execution of her family at the hand of Nazi Colonel Hans Landa. Shosanna narrowly escapes and flees to Paris where she forges a new identity as the owner and operator of a cinema. Elsewhere in Europe, Lieutenant Aldo Raine organizes a group of Jewish American soldiers to perform swift, shocking acts of retribution. Later known to their enemy as "the basterds," Raine's squad joins German actress and undercover agent Bridget von Hammersmark on a mission to take down the leaders of the Third Reich.

Shorts
Friday 4:10 7:15 9:55
Sat & Sun 1:05 4:10 7:15 9:55
Monday 1:05 4:10 7:15
Tue thru Thurs 4:10 7:15
Jimmy Bennett, Jake Short
Children • Rated PG

The Time Traveler's Wife
Friday 4:20 7:05 9:35
Sat & Sun 1:25 4:20 7:05 9:35
Monday 1:25 4:20 7:05
Tue thru Thurs 4:20 7:05
Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana
Drama, Romance, Sci-Fi • Rated PG 13

District 9
Friday 4:05 7:10 9:50
Sat & Sun 1:10 4:05 7:10 9:50
Monday 1:10 4:05 7:10
Tue thru Thurs 4:05 7:10
Sharito Copley, Jason Cope
Sci-Fi • Rated R

G.I. JOE
Friday 4:30 7:25 9:40
Sat & Sun 1:20 4:30 7:25 9:40
Monday 1:20 4:30 7:25
Tue thru Thurs 4:30 7:25
Dennis Quaid, Channing Tatum
War • Rated PG 13

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Woman lacks the gumption to come to her own defense

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and have never been able to stand up for myself. I have an extremely sloppy roommate whom I always have to clean up after, a former fiance I want to cut ties with, and an overbearing mother who treats me like a child.

I know I'm in these situations because I have allowed them to happen. I'd like to be able to speak my mind without fear of what will happen, but it's almost as if I feel blackmailed, and sticking up for myself will make them angry. Any advice you can offer will be much appreciated.

WANTS TO SPEAK UP, ST. LOUIS, MO.

DEAR WANTS TO SPEAK UP: Stop for a moment and look at what being a people-pleaser has gotten you -- a roommate who takes advantage, a former fiance who won't stop clinging, and a mother you're afraid of having a frank talk with. Are you afraid if you have an unpleasant conversation that they won't "like" you?

By refusing to speak up, what you're doing is encouraging more of the same. However, if you draw the line with your roommate and stop acting like her maid, she might straighten up—or move—which would free you to find someone with better personal habits. If you tell your former fiance it's time to hit the road, you will free him to find someone else, which would actually be doing him a favor. And as for your mother, wouldn't it be healthier to air your feelings than harbor the resentment you're nursing?

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a wonderful man for 28 years. My problem is his mother, "Hildegarde," has always been overly attached to him, so much so that we moved out of state to get away from her.

Hildegarde has now not only moved to our same small town, but to a home just up the street! My husband works long hours, and his mother expects him to visit her daily. If he gets a day off and we do something together, she cries to anyone who will listen that her son "never comes to see her."

This is affecting our marriage. Hildegarde acts like a jilted lover, and I am considering divorcing him to get away from her. Can you please help me?

TRAPPED LIKE RATS IN COLORADO

DEAR TRAPPED: Nowhere in your letter have you mentioned your husband's feelings about his mother's antics. Surely he must have known she was considering the move. Was he afraid to discourage her?

If ever I heard of a couple who needed couples counseling, it's you two. You must stick together and form a united front. Hildegarde may also need a therapist to help her understand that her neediness is over the top. But exit the marriage only as a last resort, because if you do, you'll be leaving him to her, and she is insatiable.

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DEAR ABBY: Ever since 2/02/02 I have created dinner parties or luncheons to celebrate days with unique numbers. On 5/05/05 (Cinco de Mayo) I had Mexican food with my family. On 6/06/06, six of us went out to lunch. The opening night of the Beijing Olympics was on 8/08/08, so eight of us had Chinese take-out while watching the event.

I plan to continue this tradition until 12/12/12. With 9/09/09 coming up, my daughter suggested "Dress to the Nines" as the theme. Isn't that cute? One of life's greatest pleasures is to share a meal with friends.

CLAIRE IN BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR CLAIRE: I agree. While food fills the stomach, the company of friends and loved ones can be more gratifying because it fills the heart and feeds the soul.

P.S. I hope that 13/13/13 isn't a Friday.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby—Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Cate Blanchett gets a head wound on stage

SYDNEY (AP)—Oscar-winning actress Cate Blanchett got a head wound when she was hit by a prop on stage Wednesday during a Sydney theater performance.

The performance of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" was canceled, but the 40-year-old Australian actress will return to the stage for Thursday's show, Sydney Theater Company spokesman Tim McKeough said.

"Another actor lifted the prop above his head, and she somehow sustained a minor blow to the head," McKeough said.

A Monday Dec. 8, 2008 file photo of actress Cate Blanchett as she poses on the press line at the premiere of the feature film "The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button" in Los Angeles.

AP

Sydney Theater Company is run by Blanchett and her playwright husband, Andrew Upton.

Blanchett, who won a supporting actress Oscar in 2005 for "The Aviator," is playing the lead role of Blanche DuBois.

Swank promotes pet adoption, seeks to dispel myths

NEW YORK (AP)—Hilary Swank is putting her animal appreciation to work as an ambassador for a pet adoption campaign.

The two-time Academy Award-winning actress said Wednesday that the Iams (EYE-MZ') Home 4 the Holidays Pet Adoption Campaign has "struck a chord with my heart."

Her mission is to help 1.5 million pets in shelters find homes between Oct. 1 and Jan. 4.

Swank says older animals have just as much love as younger ones and have "already gone through a lot of the training that can be challenging for people."

Swank also notes that it's possible to adopt a purebred from a shelter if people have their heart set on a particular breed.

AP

In this July 20, 2009 photo released by Iams, actress Hilary Swank feeds two puppies during a visit to the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Oprah Winfrey to dedicate show to Michael Jackson

CHICAGO (AP)—Talk show host Oprah Winfrey plans to dedicate an upcoming episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" to late pop singer Michael Jackson. Harpo Productions announced Wednesday the episode, to air Sept. 16, will feature excerpts from Winfrey's 1993 interview with Jackson. Jackson died June 25 in Los Angeles. His death has been ruled a homicide. A release from Harpo Productions says Winfrey will remember "the King of Pop with never-before-revealed personal details" from the interview. The 24th season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" premieres Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 15, with a two-part interview with singer Whitney Houston.

Jon Gosselin: 'I took a lot of abuse' from Kate

NEW YORK (AP)—Jon Gosselin is fighting with his wife Kate again—this time through an intermediary. The reality TV star told ABC News' Chris Cuomo on "Good Morning America" that he "took a lot of abuse" from Kate and he's looking to move on. The two stars of TLC's "Jon & Kate Plus 8" have become better known for their imploding marriage than their parenting skills in recent months. He says police were recently called to the couple's Pennsylvania home because he wouldn't let Kate in the house and she tried to "cry it up with cops." The 32-year-old father of eight is now dating the 22-year-old daughter of a surgeon who performed a tummy tuck on Kate. It was his first television interview since divorce papers were filed. A longer version will air next Tuesday on "Primetime: Family Secrets."

Boy falls into Boston zoo movie set's lion pit

BOSTON (AP)—A teenage boy visiting a zoo on Wednesday fell into a lion pit that's part of a set for the upcoming Kevin James and Adam Sandler movie "The Zookeeper," but he wasn't badly hurt. No animals were in the area at the time of the accident at the Franklin Park Zoo, spokeswoman Brooke Wardrop said, and the movie crew wasn't on the set. The 16-year-old boy tumbled about 25 feet into the pit, where a net broke his fall, and his injuries weren't considered life-threatening, fire department spokesman Steve MacDonald said. The initial emergency call to firefighters was about a person who had fallen into a zoo's lion pit, MacDonald said.

Police: Brown's service includes manual work

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Police in Virginia say singer Chris Brown will remove graffiti, pick up trash and wash cars as part of his sentence for beating ex-girlfriend Rihanna.

The 20-year-old Brown was sentenced in California last month to five years' probation, six months of community labor and a year of domestic violence counseling for the February attack. He is performing the labor in Richmond near his home.

Brown

In a letter to the judge, Richmond Police Chief Bryan Norwood outlined some of Brown's tasks. They include graffiti removal, trash pickup, washing cars, cleaning and maintaining grounds.

Norwood said Brown will be supervised during his service, but Brown would have to pay for any additional security if the public becomes aware of his presence.

Sex, scandal, yawn: Bernard Madoff books are a bust

NEW YORK (AP)—Sex and scandal have not been enough to make major sellers out of books about Bernard Madoff.

According to Nielsen BookScan, neither a much-discussed tell-all by alleged ex-mistress Sheryl Weinstein nor a recent wave of biographies about the imprisoned financier have caught on with the public.

Weinstein's "Madoff's Other Secret," a tabloid favorite published last month by St. Martin's Press, has sold just 2,000 copies. As of Wednesday night, it ranked No. 3,506 on Amazon.com.

Jerry Oppenheimer's "Madoff With the Money" has sold 1,000 copies. Gerard and Deborah Strober's "Catastrophe" and Andrew Kirtzman's "Betrayal" each sold 3,000. Erin Arvedlund's "Too Good To Be True" has been slightly more successful, selling 5,000 copies.

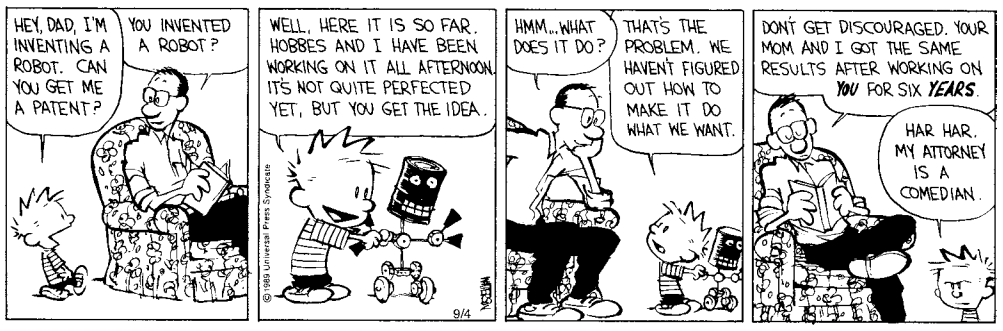
Nielsen BookScan tracks about 70 percent to 75 percent of the market. Publishers had been so anxious to release Madoff books that the publication dates for "Madoff With the Money," "Betrayal" and "Too Good To Be True" were moved up from the fall to August.

None of the Madoff works were in the top 2,000 Wednesday night on Amazon.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HEY, DAD, I'M INVENTING A ROBOT. CAN YOU GET ME A PATENT?
YOU INVENTED A ROBOT?
WELL, HERE IT IS SO FAR. HOBBES AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT ALL AFTERNOON. IT'S NOT QUITE PERFECTED YET, BUT YOU GET THE IDEA.
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HMM...WHAT DOES IT DO?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM. WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE IT DO WHAT WE WANT.
DON'T GET DISCOURAGED. YOUR MOM AND I GOT THE SAME RESULTS AFTER WORKING ON YOU FOR SIX YEARS.
HAR HAR. MY ATTORNEY IS A COMEDIAN.

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I HAVE DOG TREATS ON MY BREATH
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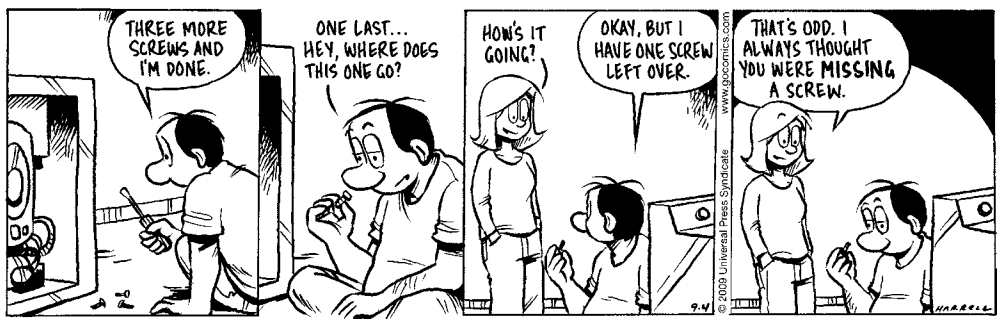
THREE MORE SCREWS AND I'M DONE.
ONE LAST... HEY, WHERE DOES THIS ONE GO?
HOW'S IT GOING?
OKAY, BUT I HAVE ONE SCREW LEFT OVER.
THAT'S ODD. I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE MISSING A SCREW.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

TODAY I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU ALL HOW TO USE A PENCIL SHARPENER.
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE I BEGIN?
YEAH. I JUST TEXTED THEM TO YOU.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Bake sale org.
4 Listending abbr.
7 Animal
12 Sleep phenom
13 Bill's partner
14 White-collared thrush (Var.)
15 Sphere
16 Quasimodo, notably
18 Tramcar contents
19 Sequence
20 MacDonald's place
22 Ages and ages
23 Hardy cabbage
27 Help
29 Penn pal
31 Be a goldbrick
34 Material for blue shoes
35 Addicted
37 Likely
38 Longings
39 Sinbad's bird
41 Fly fast
45 Spanish appetizers
47 Weep
48 Car style
52 Bill
53 Openmouthed
54 Golfer's concern
55 Greek vowel
56 Sir's counterpart
57 Horror film with four sequels
58 Sen. Kennedy

DOWN
1 Evidence
2 Earth
3 Cautionary color
4 Reverberate
5 Went sightseeing
6 Individually owned apartment
7 Physicist Niels
8 Abrade
9 — Today
10 Sleuth
11 Antlered animal
17 Minimal change
21 Report card data
23 Hardly dexterous one
24 Brewery product
25 Started
26 Before
28 Mamie's man
30 Kreskin's claim
31 Bashful
32 Weeding tool
33 Charged bit
36 Colorless
37 Source of gum arabic
40 October birthstones
42 Square dance group
43 Preach, maybe
44 "Oops"
45 Not us
46 Distort
48 Overactive one?
49 Khan title
50 Slight amount
51 Bkpr.

Solution time: 25 mins.

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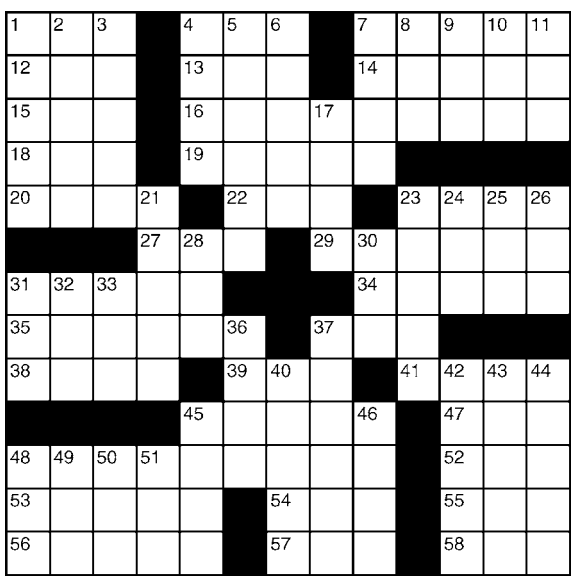
Yesterday's answer 9-4



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Happy Birthday: You have to clear up any partnership problems that exist professionally or personally. The longer you let things hang over your head, the longer it will be before you can make progress and achieve your goals. This is a year of change, so take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 29, 37, 40, 26

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Someone will be secretive about his or her dealings. You may have to reconsider your approach to what you have to do, based on the realization that you don't have backup or all the information required. Someone may try to coerce you into something you should not do. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Work with your peers and you will gain popularity that will lead to your advancement. A change of plans will allow you to make the most of your time and adapt to what works for everyone else. A short trip will pay off. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't let anyone take you for granted. An opportunity will provide you with an interesting option for love and romance. An unexpected alteration will cause an emotional response if you aren't careful. Proceed professionally. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Making some personal changes to your living arrangements will help out someone you care about and put you in a better financial position. You can start a home-based business or offer something you do well as a service. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Be ready to act fast if a deal of interest comes your way. There is money to be made if you are smart, efficient and know your facts. If you practice what you preach, someone you want to get to know better will take notice. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll be torn between what you should do and what you want to do. Don't give in to emotional meddling when everything hinges on sticking to your principles and beliefs. There are likely to be changes at home. Don't despair. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Stay cool and let everyone else make a scene. Your calm approach will have people gravitating toward you, giving you the upper hand. Don't bend under pressure. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't be fooled by a promise someone makes. You will end up being the one who pays in the end if you agree to something without a written agreement. Don't let a love interest take advantage of you. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You may feel the need to embellish a situation and, although you will get lots of attention if you do, someone will not appreciate your point of view. Keep things simple and you can avoid sudden changes to your personal life. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You can sidestep some of the problems presented by taking charge and making concessions for anyone who doesn't want to follow suit. Pleasing everyone will put you in a winner's position, allowing you to get what you want from everyone you deal with in return for taking on some additional responsibilities. ✪✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't mix money and personal matters. If you do business with a friend or relative, you will pay emotionally as well as financially. Don't let anyone try to force you into making a decision before you are ready. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Project your concerns and discuss your intentions and the feedback you get will enable you to proceed with confidence. A knowledgeable, experienced individual will shed some light on an emotional situation. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are a full-Moon baby with plenty of potential. You are not afraid of change or challenges. You are feisty and outspoken.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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9								5
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		3	2		1	9		

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/04

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	5	3	2	8	4	9	7	1
2	7	8	1	6	9	3	4	5
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8	2	7	3	9	6	1	5	4
4	6	9	8	1	5	7	2	3
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7	8	2	4	3	1	5	6	9
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1	9	4	6	5	7	2	3	8

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/03

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SPORTS TEAMS **Solution: 7 letters**

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C	K	U	S	C	P	R	E	L	I	S	I	E	E	T
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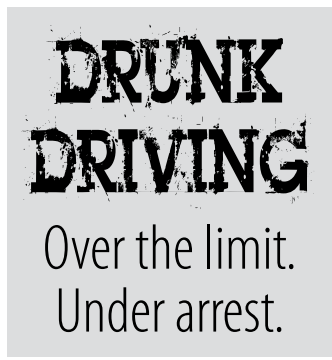

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0058

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on August 19, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot 1749-NEW-B-18 (part of Lot 1749-NEW-B, part of original lot 1749, T.D. 305), situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2012/94, the original of which was recorded 11 October, 1993 as Document No. 93-3796 at the Commonwelath Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 9, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW09-IFB-030

ROAD SHOULDER REPAIR AND RESTORATION
ROUTE 10, CM-NH-1000(005) ER
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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Route 10 & 100 Road Shoulder Repair and Restoration, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents will be available on or after September 4, 2009 at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project. All wages rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wages as required by the CNMI law & Federal Law.

A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for September 24, 2009, 1:00 p.m., local time at the Rota Mayor's Office Rota Conference Room. After the pre-bid there will be a site visit for Route 10 and Route 100. It is very important for the bidders to see the existing condition and the complexity of the proposed project.

Prospective bidders should carefully examine and review the invitation for bids. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director of Technical Services Division**, Suite 212, Joeten-Oleai Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW09-IFB-030"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time October 13, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time October 13, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to ***procurement@pticom.com.*** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 13, 2009, and must be received no later than October 22, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, October 27, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on October 16, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid. Bid security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) working days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to table 108-1 of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Projects, FP-96, or One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($1,400.00) whichever is greater.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by FHWA.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ VIVIAN M. LIZAMA
Acting Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
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P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP 09-021

Public School System Media Services

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms to help write, edit and layout the monthly PSS news, assist in drafting weekly press releases and develop a quarterly newsletter.

Beginning August 28, 2009, the Scope of Work and related information is available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950. Requests faxed to 664.3791 will also be entertained.

A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, September 16, 2009 in the Commissioner of Education's Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Proposals shall be placed in a sealed envelope face marked **"RFP 09-021 - Media Services"** containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than 10:30 AM on September 23, 2009. Any proposal received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Questions shall be in writing and addressed to Tim Thornburgh, Federal Programs Officer, via fax to 664.3767 or e-mailed to thornburght@gmail.com.

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
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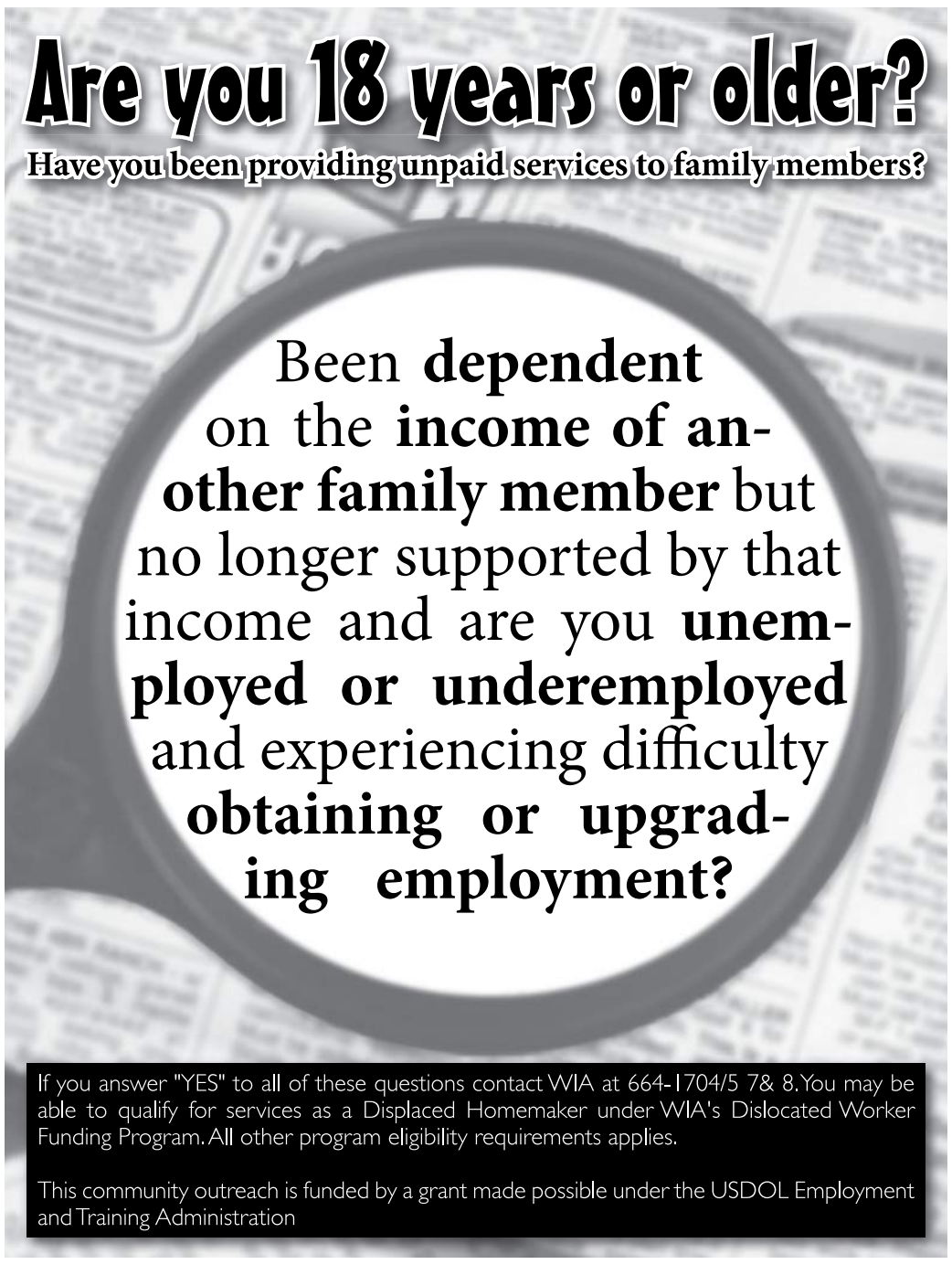
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Nadal returns, beats Gasquet, at US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Everyone's been curious about the condition of Rafael Nadal's knees, so it made sense that his first Grand Slam opponent in three months would wonder as well. Which might explain why Richard Gasquet tried a drop shot deep in the third set of his U.S. Open match against Nadal on Wednesday. Nadal made the long run necessary to get to the ball, and flipped it back over the net, winning the point.

A moment later, as if conspiring with Nadal to show everyone how fit the six-time major champion truly is these days, Gasquet offered up another drop shot.

Nadal got to that one, too.

Starting a bid to win the only Grand Slam title missing from his resume, Nadal encountered no apparent trouble from his much-scrutinized legs in a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Gasquet at Flushing Meadows.

Gasquet, for one, was impressed.

"He can win the tournament," said Gasquet, a 2007 Wimbledon semifinalist and former top-10 player. "Day after day, he will improve his level. For sure, he can win."

Nadal's matter-of-fact assessment: "I played well, no?"

Nadal didn't wear any tape near his knees Wednesday, something he's done in the past, much less the sort of bulky bandages Venus Williams showed up with near her left knee for a second-round match she won easily. Her sister Serena won, too, keeping the pair on track for an all-in-the-family semifinal.

One could certainly make the case Nadal wasn't facing the toughest competition. Gasquet has been away from the tour, too, recently. He served a 2 1/2-month ban after testing positive for cocaine; Gasquet successfully appealed what would have been a far more severe punishment, saying the drug entered his system inadvertently when he kissed a woman at a nightclub.

AP

Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns to Richard Gasquet, of France, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009.

Nadal's absence was far more run-of-the-mill. He hadn't played at a major tournament since May 31, when his 31-match French Open winning streak ended in the fourth round at Roland Garros. The Spaniard cited knee tendinitis in deciding not to defend his Wimbledon title, and the layoff was a big reason Nadal has dropped from No. 1 in the rankings to No. 3.

He ceded the top spot to Roger Federer, whose bid for a sixth consecutive U.S. Open championship—and third Grand Slam title in a row this year—progressed with a 6-3, 7-5, 7-5 victory over Simon Greul of Germany in front of a night-session record crowd of 24,206.

Next for Federer is a matchup against two-time major winner Lleyton Hewitt, who defeated Juan Ignacio Chela 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Federer has won 13 matches in a row against Hewitt, including in the 2004 U.S. Open final.

The defending women's champion, Serena Williams, was spectacularly good in eliminating 51st-ranked Melinda Czink of Hungary 6-1, 6-1 in 53 minutes in Wednesday's last match.

Venus Williams, the 2000-01 champion in New York, had wide patches of white tape above and below her left knee, which began bothering her when she struggled through a first-round win Monday. Like Nadal, Williams looked hale Wednesday, and she easily dispatched Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States 6-4, 6-2.

"She was moving like a cat," Mattek-Sands said.

Nadal never mentioned his knee issues publicly until after the French Open, but he said Wednesday the pain dated to April, when he won the Monte Carlo Masters. He also won the next week, and the week after that, but he now attributes that success to "being on a roll."

The recent time off means he has played a lot less than he's accustomed to by this time in the season, which is a benefit at the last Grand Slam event of the year. He's never been past the semifinals in New York.

"I am more fresh, yeah. Fresher than ever in this tournament. I don't know if this kind of fresh is good," he said. "No excuses about being very tired."

Still, Nadal finds it amusing that there has been so much discussion about his knees and his time away from the tour.

"Seems like I was two years outside of competition," he said. "It was two months."

Kim Clijsters was away for two years, having ended her retirement in August, and she continues to play as if she never left. Unseeded and unranked and playing at the U.S. Open for the first time since winning the 2005 title, the 26-year-old Belgian reached the third round by knocking off No. 14-seeded Marion Bartoli 5-7, 6-1, 6-2. Other seeded women sent home included No. 15 Samantha Stosur, a French Open semifinalist, who was beaten by Vania King of Long Beach, Calif., 7-5, 6-4; two-time major champion Amelie Mauresmo, who lost to Aleksandra Wozniak of Canada; No. 12 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 20 Anabel Medina Garrigues.

Two fixtures on the men's tour said goodbye to Grand Slam tennis with first-round exits: Marat Safin of Russia and Fabrice Santoro of France, who are retiring at the end of the season.

The 29-year-old Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion, lost to Jurgen Melzer of Austria 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; the 36-year-old Santoro, appearing in his record 69th major tournament, was beaten by No. 24 Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Vikings' Favre will not play on Friday night

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Brett Favre's non-traditional arrival in Minnesota is not stopping Vikings coach Brad Childress from taking a traditional approach to the team's preseason finale against Dallas.

The 39-year-old quarterback will not play against the Cowboys on Friday night.

"I don't see the upside," Childress said on Wednesday.

Most teams rest their marquee starters in the final game of the preseason to avoid the risk of injury with the regular season a week away.

What makes this situation unique, however, is Favre's recent arrival in Minnesota.

It's been a whirlwind for Favre ever since he arrived to a hero's welcome just 16 days ago. A helicopter followed him from a Twin Cities airport to the team's headquarters in Eden Prairie, where more than 100 fans swarmed Childress's SUV as it pulled into the parking lot.

Three days later, Favre was in uniform and looking every bit as rusty as could be expected. He went 1 for 4 for 4 yards in two series against the Kansas City Chiefs, but looked much more comfortable on Monday night in Houston.

Favre completed 13 of 18 passes for 142 yards and a touchdown while playing into the third quarter of a 17-10 win at Houston.

"I thought he made a nice jump from Week 1 to Week 2 and showed he's got a good understanding of what we're doing," Childress said.

Favre ran a similar offense for 16 seasons in Green Bay and has had no trouble getting up to speed with the Vikings' playbook. The biggest thing he has to work on is chemistry with his receivers, learning their tendencies and how each one puts his own variation on the routes that are run.

The biggest strides were shown on Minnesota's final drive of the first half against the Texans. Favre completed the final six passes of the drive, moving the Vikings 74 yards in nine plays, including a 28-yard touchdown pass to Chester Taylor.

"I think we can be productive, but we've got to get it together pretty quickly," Favre said after the game Monday night.

The Vikings open the regular season on Sept. 13 at Cleveland. So Favre and the rest of his offensive starters will have an entire week of practice to fine-tune things before the football start for real.

"We're at a pretty good spot right now, but he's only been here two weeks," receiver Sidney Rice said. "We still have a lot of things we can work on together. We're going to continue to work on those things together."

Favre still has not played a game with top receiver Bernard Berrian, who missed the last two games with a hamstring injury.

He is spending extra time looking at practice tape and has stayed late at practice on occasion to throw to his receivers as they try to find the timing needed to keep the chains moving.

"I feel like we're definitely jelling," said running back Adrian Peterson, who had a 75-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage against Houston. "I feel like we're there, but there's always room to improve.

"We've still got some polishing. Just shine it up and buff it up a little bit and I think we'll be OK."

For now, Favre and most of the rest of the starters will have to apply the final coat of wax in practice. Childress isn't willing to risk a major injury, and he knows firsthand that can happen.

Childress was an assistant in Philadelphia in 2001 when head coach Andy Reid decided to play his starters at the beginning of the exhibition finale against the New York Jets. Childress said that center Bubba Miller broke his leg on the last play of the opening drive.

"Just that one more play, that one more series," Childress said. "It's hard enough to lose them on regular football Sundays."

Rubio: NBA move too risky, complicated

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Ricky Rubio wants to keep playing basketball in Spain, saying a move to the Minnesota Timberwolves would be too risky and complicate his life.

The 19-year-old point guard was sent from DKV Joventut to Barcelona on Tuesday after the Catalan club paid Rubio's $5 million buyout clause.

Rubio, the Timberwolves' fifth overall pick in this year's draft, agreed to a six-year deal that included a buyout clause that allows him to leave for the NBA after two years.

"Going to Minnesota would have just complicated my life a lot. It was a risk and I didn't see it so clearly," Rubio said. "My priority was the NBA and it was impossible for the Minnesota Timberwolves to pay my buyout clause, so I wanted to stay home."

Timberwolves president David Kahn traveled to Spain three times to try to work out a deal and appeared to have secured Rubio's passage to Minnesota less than 48 hours before the player changed his mind.

"When the season ended, I entered the draft with the intention of going to the NBA," Rubio said Wednesday. "But some things happened that kept me from being ahead of the rest and I ended up No. 5, which I was happy with, but it didn't allow me the chance to go to the NBA. I tried, but in the end it wasn't to be."

NBA guidelines limit the amount of money Minnesota could have contributed to Rubio's buyout at $500,000. Kahn said a package of endorsement deals and sponsorships had helped make the NBA deal attractive enough for Rubio and Joventut to enter into an agreement on Saturday.

"They could only put half a million into it, and I think that the deal with Minnesota had too many obstacles," Rubio said.

Rubio said he was still committed to going to the NBA, even though there is no guarantee the starting point guard spot will still be around.

"I won't lie," Rubio said. "My objective has always been the NBA."

Sabathia wins 16th, Yankees beat Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP)—CC Sabathia earned his American League-leading 16th victory and Alex Rodriguez got his 2,500th hit and drove in four runs as the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-2 for a three-game sweep on Wednesday.

Eric Hinske homered and Johnny Damon had four hits for the Yankees, who used a seven-run ninth inning to turn a tight game into a rout. New York has won six straight and is 34-11 since the All-Star break.

Sabathia (16-7) allowed one run in seven innings. Rodriguez got his milestone hit in the fifth inning, a single off Jason Berken, and lined a two-run single up the middle in the seventh against Kim Mickolio (0-2) to break a 1-1 tie.

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 4

At Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus hit a go-ahead two-run homer, Nelson Cruz went deep for the 30th time and Texas gained ground in the AL playoff chase with its third straight victory.

Texas moved within 3 1/2 games of the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels, who have lost two in a row. It is the closest the Rangers have been in the division since Aug. 9. The Rangers are 2Ω games behind wild-card leader Boston.

Rays 8, Red Sox 5

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Pat Burrell snapped an eighth-inning tie with a RBI single and Evan Longoria followed with a two-run homer to help Tampa Bay avoid falling farther back in the AL playoff race.

The defending AL champions rebounded from a poor series opener with a solid effort to move within five games of wild card-leading Boston.

Burrell and Carl Crawford hit solo homers off Red Sox ace Josh Beckett, who gave up five runs and seven hits while striking out nine in six innings.

White Sox 4, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, All-Star closer Joe Nathan gave up consecutive home runs with two outs in the ninth inning for Chicago to overcome Minnesota.

Given a 2-0 lead, Nathan's fifth blown save this season in 40 chances ruined rookie Brian Duensing's seven shutout innings.

Nathan (2-2) followed the homers to Gordon Beckham and Paul Konerko by walking Jermaine Dye and Carlos Quentin before manager Ron Gardenhire—in the rarest of moves—relieved him. Matt Guerrier gave up a single to Alexei Ramirez that scored pinch-runner Dewayne Wise before Quentin came home on a wild pitch.

Athletics 10, Royals 4

At Oakland, California, Landon Powell hit his first career grand slam to help Oakland score five runs in the second inning, and Trevor Cahill (8-12) won consecutive starts for the first time in more than two months.

Powell homered off Yasuhiko Yabuta, pitching in relief after Kansas City starter Brian Bannister (7-12) left because of shoulder fatigue after retiring the first batter in the second.

Mike Jacobs homered for the Royals, who lost two of three against Oakland without manager Trey Hillman. Hillman left the team on Monday to be with his family following the death of his father-in-law.

Tigers 4, Indians 2

At Detroit, Magglio Ordonez had three hits, and Detroit took advantage of five Cleveland errors to open a 4 1/2-game lead over Minnesota in the AL Central.

Rookie Rick Porcello (12-8) got the win, giving up two runs on five hits in seven-plus innings. The 20-year-old rookie has allowed two or fewer runs in six of his last seven starts, and has won more games than any Tigers pitcher before the age of 21.

Aaron Laffey (7-4) took the loss, allowing four runs in 6 1-3 innings.

Mariners 3, Angels 0

At Seattle, Felix Hernandez pitched eight scoreless innings to spoil Scott Kazmir's Los Angeles pitching debut.

Hernandez (14-5) gave up four hits, walked three and struck out six to lower his ERA to 2.65—second best in the AL.

Kazmir, acquired Friday from Tampa Bay, gave up one run and three hits in 6 1-3 innings. After a shaky start to the first inning, Kazmir (8-8) retired 18 straight.

Giants 4, Phillies 0

At Philadelphia, Brad Penny pitched five-hit ball over eight shutout innings in his first start with the San Francisco Giants, leading the National League wild-card contenders over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Diamondbacks 4, Dodgers 1

At Los Angeles, Brandon Allen's two-run homer highlighted a four-run fifth inning in Arizona's victory over NL West-leading Los Angeles.

Chad Billingsley was cruising along, having retired the first 13 batters he faced before the D-backs got to him for three consecutive one-out hits in the fifth. Then, with two outs, the right-hander allowed another three hits in a row.

Cardinals 10, Brewers 3

At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter won his 10th straight decision for St. Louis despite laboring at times, and Skip Schumaker had four hits from four pitches with two RBIs in St. Louis' win over Milwaukee.

Yadier Molina had a pair of RBI doubles and finished with three hits for the NL Central leaders, whose 10 1/2-game lead is the best in baseball. Troy Glaus, activated from the 60-day disabled list from a shoulder injury Monday, struck out as a pinch hitter to end the sixth in his first at-bat of the season.

Rockies 5, Mets 2

At Denver, Jason Giambi's pinch-hit two-run single off Brian Stokes (2-4) broke an eighth-inning tie as Colorado downed New York.

Giambi's first hit for the Rockies made a winner of Ubaldo Jimenez (13-10), who outdueled right-hander Tim Redding and kept Colorado atop the NL wild-card race by a game over San Francisco. Giambi, jettisoned by Oakland, signed with Colorado last week and was called up from the minor leagues Tuesday.

Cubs 2, Astros 0

At Chicago, Ted Lilly pitched eight shutout innings to reach the 10-win mark for the seventh consecutive season, and Derrek Lee hit a two-run homer to help Chicago beat Houston.

Houston first baseman Aaron Boone, back in a major league game five months after having open-heart surgery, went hitless in three at-bats.

Lilly (10-8) allowed only four hits in joining Mark Buehrle, CC Sabathia and Johan Santana as the only active left-handers with 10 or more wins in seven straight years.

Reds 5, Pirates 3

At Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips and Drew Stubbs homered to help Cincinnati complete a four-game sweep of Pittsburgh at home for the first time since August 1975.

Following their seventh consecutive loss, the Pirates are three losses from becoming the first major U.S. professional team with 17 consecutive losing seasons.

Marlins 8, Braves 7

At Miami, Wes Helms hit a game-winning homer for Florida, and Dan Uggla had a two-run shot after challenging teammate Hanley Ramirez's effort in Florida's win over Atlanta.

Helms hit the 3-2 pitch off Mike Gonzalez (3-4) well over the left-field scoreboard, sending teammates pouring out of the dugout in celebration.

Brett Carroll hit a bases-clearing double, and Ross Gload finished a home run shy of the cycle to help Florida end a day of infighting with a win.

Padres 7, Nationals 0

At San Diego, Kevin Correia limited Washington to three hits in 7 2-3 innings, and Adrian Gonzalez and Chase Headley hit two-run doubles for San Diego.

Correia (10-10) allowed two singles in the first inning, then set down 19 consecutive Nationals.

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Sonics cruise past Rollers 1

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The Sonics had another walk in the park in the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after crushing Rollers 1, 69-22, on Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Sonics, which also won easily in their debut game against Ol'Aces, 51-28, now share the No. 1 spot with Kagman Sparks.

Manuel Ajoste top-scored for the Sonics with 15 points, and the Jesse Tudela-coached team drew at least two field goals from eight more players. Dae Min Jeon and Adrian Palacios chipped in eight points apiece, Melvin Cadiang added seven, John Darag and Tristan Ecalnea made six each, and Angelo Salas and Nicko Salem contributed four apiece.

The Sonics' Tristan Ecalnea beats teammate Dae Min Jeon for the loose ball during their debut game in the Rotary caging against Ol'Aces last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Sonics' offensive firepower was simply too much for the young Rollers 1 crew as shown in their production in the first half.

The Sonics more than doubled Rollers 1's output in the first 20 minutes of play with the former drilling 36 points against the latter's 11.

The second half was still a Sonics show with Tudela's wards firing 33 points against the Rollers 1' 11.

No Rollers 1 player scored in double figures, as the best that Jared Ano could do was tally seven points. Heartim Williams and Julian Gotengo were the only two other Rollers 1 players to log more than two points, as they chipped in five apiece.

Three more games were scheduled in Week 2 of the 18-and-under caging, including two matches set for last night.

In the first game, the Runnin' Rebels were dueling the Celtics, while the G-Stars were squaring off against Ol'Aces in the second match. Results of neither match were unavailable at press time. Today, the Sixers will meet the Chalan Kanoa Saints. The G-Stars, Sixers, and Runnin' Rebels won their debuts and a second win will put them on top of the team standings, tying the Sonics and Sparks.

Sonics 69 – Ajoste 15, D.M. Jeon 8, , Palacios 8, Cadiang 7, Darag 6, Ecalnea 6, Salas 4, Salem 4, Oie 4, Sola 2, D.W. Jeon 2, Ferrer 2, Feria 1.

Rollers 1 22 – Ano 7, Williams 5, Gotengo 5, Palacios 2, Tudela 2, Santos 1.

Scoring by halves: 36-11, 69-22.

NMIFA

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President Richard Lai of Guam Football Association has always been with NMIFA from the very beginning as well as numerous individuals from Japan Football Association, and we thank them for helping bring NMIFA into the AFC fold."

NMIFA was founded in 2005 and the following year submitted its application for AFC membership. Several AFC officials visited the Commonwealth in the same year for a fact-finding mission and then NMIFA was granted associate membership status.

"It's a great news for NMIFA or for CNMI football as this will entitle us to use AFC resources for our coaches, players, and referees," NMIFA technical director and National coach Sugao Kambe said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

However, Kambe added that gaining associate membership also means more responsibilities to NMIFA and the members of the football community.

"Now we have to work harder to get full membership status. This means we have to compete in more AFC-sanctioned tournaments, have more players, more coaches, and more referees," Kambe said.

"We also need to strengthen our leagues, clubs, and interscholastic programs and make sure they meet the AFC standard," Kambe added.

The NMIFA technical director said the earliest the CNMI may get the full membership status from AFC will be in 2011 in the organization's next Congress.

If NMIFA makes the list, the association will become the 47th member of the AFC. NMIFA needs the membership to AFC to move forward to its next goal, which is to become a FIFA member.

CLOSE

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When CPA got the possession back, Chris Camacho, instead of going for a high-percentage shot with still 10 seconds left on the clock, pulled up for a triple from the right key and missed badly.

Ed Diaz could not hang on to rebound, allowing Bruce Berline to pick up the loose ball. Berline then passed the ball to Darwin Barbo, who saw Sanciangco sprinting to their frontcourt. Sanciangco received the pass, quickly looked at the clock, which read at three seconds, then went for a left-handed layup against Camacho.

The shot went in, giving IT&E the lead and CPA ran out of time for an attempt.

Sanciangco and Barbo finished with 15 points apiece, while Berline chipped in 14.

Sanciangco's pair of free throws put IT&E in the lead, 55:53, with 1:17 left in the game before Jeff Cloud tied the match, anew with his short jumper.

Barbo muffed two charities on the other end and there was a battle for the loose ball between Berline and Kirk Schuler. Berline then lost his footing, and eventually the ball, leading to a fastbreak attack from CPA. However, Leo Apelo was fouled on his fastbreak layup and missed the basket.

Apelo split his free throws, giving CPA only a one-point lead, 56-55, with 26.3 seconds left in the fourth.

Camacho then gave up a quick foul on Esdrelon from the backcourt. Esdrelon muffed the first charity, but drilled the second one to force another deadlock before Sanciangco made the game-winning basket.

Cloud paced CPA with 19 points.

In the second game, Bank of Guam scored three points in less than 20 seconds of the fourth quarter to slip past MBI.

Randy Pelisamen exploded for 25 points, including a layup that tied the game at 76-all, with 9.3 seconds left in the fourth canto.

MBI committed an error in its next offensive play and was forced to give up a foul on Dave Palacios to stop the clock. Palacios then canned the first free throw and intentionally missed the second one, as only one second was left in the game.

The win was Bank of Guam's third in seven games, while the loss was only MBI's second in five matches. However, MBI dropped from a share of second place with Commonwealth Health Center to third.

First Game

IT&E 58 – Sanciangco 15, Barbo 15, Berline 14, Renguul 6, Esdrelon 3, Mendoza 3, Yamada 2.

CPA-Accounting 56 – Cloud 19, Diaz 16, Camacho 6, Apelo 5, Aaron 4, Schuler 4, Yangilmau 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-10. 27-31, 41-43, 58-56

Second Game

Bank of Guam 77 – Pelisamen 23, Palacios 15, Joyner 15, Taisacan 11, G.Palacios 11, Martinez 2.

MBI 76 –Gapor 29, DeVero 23, Demapan 10, Capalad 6, Musina 4, Trajano 2, Achas 2

Scoring by quarters: 15-17, 36-33, 50-56, 77-76.

GABRIEL

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hours south of Oporto. I got to meet and greet the members and coaches of the two teams. I also observed fellow FIBA referees from FIBA Europe. It was an honor to be in the presence of fellow FIBA referees, and it was a great pleasure to be a special guest of the Portuguese Basketball Federation. The people in their organization are fantastic hosts," White said.

White left Saipan early last month to officiate games in the 2009 FIBA Women's U-19 World Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. He officiated the bronze medal game between Canada and eventual third placer Argentina.

From Bangkok, he went to Sao Joao de Madeira, Portugal for the U16 European Championships Men's Division B. When the tournament in Portugal concluded, he traveled to Madrid next, following the Portugal Basketball Federation's invitations.

White was hoping to be invited to officiate a game in the three-country tournament.

"It will be an honor to be a special guest referee in the tournament," White said.

White is expected to return to Saipan mid this month and will be sharing the lessons he learned from his two off-island assignments.

"I know that my experience in off-island/FIBA international games would benefit BANMI and CNMI basketball in a great way from many aspects whether you are a player, a coach, or a referee," White said.

"The current referees who are active members of the BANMI referees association will definitely benefit a lot when I return home because I have so many things to share with them from high levels of basketball. I almost don't know where to begin because I have so much information and experience to share. I am very willing to share my knowledge to anyone who has what it takes to become a referee, and possibly, become another FIBA referee from the CNMI," he added.

The FIBA International referee is thankful for the opportunity to officiate international games and is looking for more off-island assignments.

I've been refereeing basketball for over 19 years now, and have been a FIBA referee for the past two years. I will remain a FIBA referee until I no longer can, or until FIBA says otherwise, so I have, and will continue to receive many more years under this profession," White said.

White is also looking for a possible stint in Olympics.

"The Olympics is quite a far stretch for a FIBA referee in my position right now, but there is a possibility... Who knows? If not in 2012, perhaps 2016. Men's or women's senior level World Championship nominations are just the same as the Olympics, so I'm hoping to receive that in 2010. I'll just continue to work hard for it," White said.

PHILIPPINE

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Tebow, or as I prefer to write, He15man has visited the Philippines six of the last seven years including last March in support of his adopted cause and true love.

The college student raised $300,000 through charitable activities after having them cleared so they wouldn't run afoul of NCAA regulations. While other athletes get into trouble by taking money for themselves, Tebow doesn't want to get in trouble for giving it away.

One of the charities Tebow organized this year was a powder puff football tournament for female organizations on the University of Florida campus. There were 24 teams; one of them was the Philippines House.

Here's a quote from the *New York Times*: "Q: Were you totally rooting for the Philippines team? A: Unfortunately, I was. I was trying to be unbiased. But it wasn't working. I think they got to the third round… The girl they had at quarterback was a stud. The first two games they won like 39-3 and I was having so much fun." But then they lost and Tebow admitted he "was so disappointed."

For a 90-second video on Filipino children, he spent 10 hours in the video editing room, not leaving until it was 2 o'clock in the morning.

While other athletes are chasing skirts to satisfy physical urges, Tim Tebow is chasing converts to satisfy spiritual urges.

Even though he's still in school, his quotes are becoming legendary. Heck, who else do you know has their speech nailed to a university wall like Tebow? Here's s a new one from *GQ* magazine:

"When you die, there's gonna be a tombstone, and on that tombstone there's gonna be a name, and there's gonna be a date. And for me, it's going to be 1987, and then it's gonna have a dash … I want that dash to mean something. I want that dash to be special."

He's off to a good start. And for a bunch of orphaned kids in the Philippines, that's a good thing.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	85	48	.639	—
Boston	77	55	.583	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	72	60	.545	12 1/2
Toronto	59	73	.447	25 1/2
Baltimore	54	80	.403	31 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	71	61	.538	—
Minnesota	67	66	.504	4 1/2
Chicago	65	69	.485	7
Cleveland	58	74	.439	13
Kansas City	51	82	.383	20 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	78	54	.591	—
Texas	75	58	.564	3 1/2
Seattle	70	64	.522	9
Oakland	59	74	.444	19 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	76	54	.585	—
Atlanta	70	63	.526	7 1/2
Florida	69	64	.519	8 1/2
New York	59	74	.444	18 1/2
Washington	46	88	.343	32

Central Division

St. Louis	79	55	.590	—
Chicago	67	64	.511	10 1/2
Milwaukee	64	68	.485	14
Houston	63	70	.474	15 1/2
Cincinnati	60	73	.451	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	53	79	.402	25

West Division

Los Angeles	79	55	.590	—
Colorado	74	59	.556	4 1/2
San Francisco	73	60	.549	5 1/2
Arizona	61	73	.455	18
San Diego	59	76	.437	20 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago Cubs 2, Houston 0
San Diego 7, Washington 0
San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 0
Florida 8, Atlanta 7
St. Louis 10, Milwaukee 3
Colorado 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Arizona 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 2
Oakland 10, Kansas City 4
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 0
Detroit 4, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 8, Boston 5
Texas 6, Toronto 4

By The Associated Press

LOCAL SCORES

GOVT/BIZ LEAGUE STANDINGS

IT&E	5	0
CHC	3	1
MBI	3	2
PSS	3	3
Hyatt	2	0
Docomo	2	1
Tinian	2	1
DCCA	2	2
BOG	3	4
Customs	1	2
CPA	0	5
ARFF	0	5

ROTARY STANDINGS

Sparks	2	0
Sonics	2	0
G-Stars	1	0
Sixers	1	0
Rollers 1	1	1
Runnin' Rebels	1	0
670 Rollers 2	1	1
Celtics	0	1
Saints	0	1
Ol'Aces	0	1
Young 670 Rollers 3	0	2
Hi-5	0	2

Gorilla Warfare to introduce title belts on Saipan

Gorilla Warfare Productions announced their plans to introduce mixed martial arts title belts at their next major event, scheduled for Nov. 7, 2009.

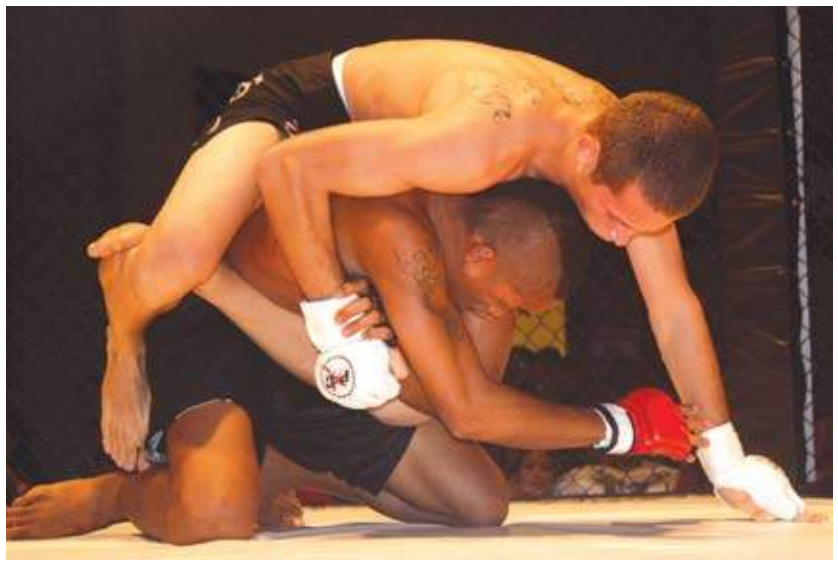
In a move meant to up the ante of the MMA scene in the CNMI, GWMMA (Gorilla Warfare MMA), in partnership with its main sponsors of Budweiser and IT&E, hopes to introduce its weight class system, which is mirrored after other fight organizations in the U.S.

In an interview with GWMMA organizers, Jeff Boyer, Mark Sablan, Alfred Hernandez, and Pete Sablan, they mentioned the plan move and the possibility of introducing multiple fight tournaments during the night to vie for the said belts.

"Our plan is to pit some of the region's best fighters in four man tournaments, or other fight set-ups, to determine who will come away with the belt for their respective weight classes," Boyer stated.

The weight classes that GWMMA plan on implementing include the following:

- Super heavyweight 265 lbs. and above
- Heavyweights 206-265 lbs.
- Light heavyweight 186-205 lbs.
- Middleweight 171-185 lbs.
- Welterweight 156-170 lbs.
- Lightweight 145-155 lbs.
- Featherweight 136-145 lbs.
- Bantamweight 126-135 lbs.
- Flyweight 125 lbs. and under



MARK RABAGO

Gorilla Warfare Productions hopes to soon introduce a weight class system that is mirrored after other fight organizations in the U.S.

Of the following weight classes, depending on the level of competition and number of competitors in that level, GWMMA will introduce a belt to compete for. From the get-go, two or three belts will be up for grabs in the November fight and will include a number of known fighters from the NMI, and some other fighters to be invited from off-island.

"With the weight classes, the various fight camps know exactly where their fighters need to be well before they step on the scales, which will alleviate the hassle and potential mismatches witnessed in past MMA fights here," Boyer said. "It can be unfair when one fighter may already be at the required weight and another fighter has to either gain or lose a considerable number of pounds before the match."

Fellow GWMMA organizer, Mark Sablan added that there will be no surprises for the fighters.

"Each fighter we sign will know well in advance, barring any injuries to his or her competitor, who they are fighting, and their respective camps will have ample time to prepare them for the match-up."

In addition to the planned title fights, GWMMA, in its continued partnership with Universal Reality Combat Championship from the Philippines, also plans on bringing back Ed Folayang in a non-title match with a top contender either from the NMI or Guam.

In addition to bucking past trends in MMA in the NMI and maintaining a higher level of professionalism, Gorilla Warfare will continue to uphold its 18-and-over policy in all its set matches, which they set during their March 29, 2009 "Battle Ready" event. In addition to that, Boyer stated that GWMMA will continue to insist that "fighters are actually trained to fight MMA and that grudge matches and David and Goliath showdowns will not be entertained at any of our premier events."

"We do have plans on introducing our amateur fight nights on separate dates in between our premier events but will require that fighters have amply trained for the event, and that they are not under 18 years old." In addition to its continued quest to maintain parity amongst the fighters, "GWMMA will work to ensure that a fighter who has never fought in an organized event, or has only fought one or two times previously, will not be pitted against a more considerably seasoned fighter for the sake of potentially padding the more experienced fighter's record."

In addition to bringing in fighters from Guam, the U.S., and the Philippines, GWMMA matchmaker, Pete Sablan, also plans on bringing fighters in from Japan in future installments of its MMA match-ups.

Though Sablan did not specify whether the fighters will indeed be here during the November fight, he did promise that GWMMA's mission is to continue bringing fighters in from off-island to fight some of the regions best fighters.

For continued updates, GWMMA's marketing man and stateside partner, Alfred Hernandez, is encouraging people to stay tuned and visit our revamped website, www.gorillawarfaremma.com, which should be re-launched in the near future, and local media outlets for any further news regarding the November fight and future plans of Gorilla Warfare Productions. ***(PR)***

Chester Hamoy tops Saturday 8-ball

Chester Hamoy won his first four games before a hiccup in the finals denied him a sweep in last Saturday's Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Tournament at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

He won his first round match against Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu. Other players who started the weekend pool competition on the right foot were: Chester Cuento (over Mark Butac); Rolly Villanueva (over Senen Pangilinan); Ric Villanueva (over Robert Sanciangco); Manny Mariano (over Jerry Soriano); Erwin Gomez (over R.J. Mascarinas); Bradley Demapan (over Luis Fajardo); and Dean Borja (over Renato Blanco).

Hamoy scored his second win after bullying past Ric Villanueva. Rolly Villanueva also advanced after taking out Cuento. Gomez and Borja then outplayed Mariano and Demapan for a spot in the quarterfinals.

In the third round, Hamoy earned a semis ticket after beating Rolly Villanueva with Gomez joining him after a win over Borja.

Hamoy then scored his fourth straight win after outlasting Gomez in the semis to get the all-important twice-to-beat advantage in the finals.

Following a series of elimination round matches for the second finals berth, Rolly Villanueva prevailed after a victory over Gomez.

Rolly Villanueva continued to roll and surprised a well-rested Hamoy in Game 1 to force a second and deciding match.

Hamoy made amends in the second game and beat Rolly Villanueva to return to the championship circle that he occupied frequently during the start of the Top Pool Bar Saturday tourney.

He took home $80 for the win, while Villanueva and Gomez settled for the runner-up purses of $80 and $30.

The Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament is held every Saturday and adopts a double-elimination format with a maximum of 16 players.

The entrance fee is $10 and the tournament uses the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. Practice is free between 7pm to 8pm on game day.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call manager Zheng Jian Qing at 287-7676. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Hamoy

Tinian ping-pong players arrive for goodwill tourney

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Tinian players will arrive on Saipan tonight for the 12th Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament that will be played tomorrow at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Budhi Gurung of the organizing Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association said Tinian will be bringing in eight players for the one-day tournament that will start at 9am. Representing the visitors are Mark Ma, Luke Lu, Su Yong Dong, Robin Lu, Liang Wei Bin, Alfred Yue, Bright Liu, and Charlie Cheng.

They will go up against the Saipan team, which is composed of four players each from MATTA and the Korean Ping-pong Association.

Gurung, who will be one of Saipan players and will team up with Steve Lim, Jean Shi, and Young Soon Roh, said they have to rely on members of the Korean association, as several Saipan players had already left the island.

With the help of the Korean association members, Saipan is hoping to win the 12th edition of the biannual tournament this time.

In May this year, Tinian hosted the same tournament and took the championship via a 43-21 win. Ma and Lu anchored the host's victory, as they went unbeaten in eight games in the singles competition. Ma finished first, followed by Lu, while Roh settled for third place with her 6-2 record.

This weekend's tournament will feature 64 games in the singles competition. There will also be doubles matches, but the number of games will depend on when the singles matches will be completed.

Gurung said if singles matches will be done before 6pm, they might play the doubles games in a round-robin format. If they finished the singles games past 6pm, they will be forced to go for a knockout system in the doubles matches.

Roh and Shi are the defending champions in the doubles after stunning Ma and Liang in the finals, 3-2, of the 11th Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament played at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Football referee clinic to start Sept. 10

In preparations for various leagues this fall, the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will be conducting a four-session clinic for referees.

Dubbed as Basic Referee Training Clinic, the first session will be held on Sept. 10 at the NMIFA Office at the TSL Plaza in Garapan from 6pm to 8pm. The second session is scheduled for Sept. 11 on the same venue and time.

The third session on Sept. 12 will be a one-day affair from 8am to 4pm, as it will involved both classroom and on the field lessons. On Sept. 19, another training session on the field is set from 9am to 11am, while the classroom session will be held back at the NMIFA office in the same day from 1pm to 4pm.

The clinic is for free and aims to recruit referees for NMIFA's various leagues.

"In just a few weeks, elementary schools and football clubs will be starting their interscholastic and youth leagues. This Basic Referee Training Clinic will make sure there are enough officials for the games," said NMIFA Director of Referees chairman Dean Tenorio.

The interscholastic and youth leagues are scheduled to start later this month.

"A well-trained official helps keep the game fair and can help educate younger players on the Laws of the Game. We invite every school and club to send someone for training," he added.

The clinic is open to individuals in the 14-and-over age group and no previous referee experience is required.

Certificates will be awarded to participants who will complete four sessions and they will be allowed to officiate games in the youth leagues.

Slots are limited so interested individuals are encouraged to contact NMIFA for early registration.

For more information, contact Vanesa Pritchard at holly_jollyckp@hotmail.com, Tenorio at deanten@gmail.com or NMIFA Office at 234-0173. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

NMIFA Director of Referees chairman Dean Tenorio, seen here addressing the crowd during a tournament in May this year, will be leading the four-session referee clinic that will start on Sept. 10.

Nadal returns, beats Gasquet, at US Open

Everyone's been curious about the condition of Rafael Nadal's knees, so it made sense that his first Grand Slam opponent in three months would wonder as well. **36**

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NMIFA gains AFC associate membership

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is one step away from getting full membership status from the Asian Football Confederation after gaining associate membership from the sport's governing body in the region.

NMIFA's application for associate membership in AFC was officially granted on July 15 this year during the AFC Executive Committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

NMIFA was informed of the good news only last week during the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship 2010 Semifinals Competition in Tainan County, Taiwan.

"We are very excited about this associate membership with AFC. It opens a new opportunity for our youth and adult players to join more international competitions with more Asian countries," NMIFA president Jerry Tan said. "We acknowledged the support and commitment of our many NMIFA dedicated volunteers—parents, players, sponsors, and Executive Committee members—who have worked hard and given a lot of time, energy, and resources to bring us to this new level."

"We owe much of our growth over the last four years to the support given us by other key football organizations," Tan added. "In East Asian Football Federation, president Junji Ogura, general secretary Takeo Okada, and assistant general secretary Alexandre Rego have all helped provide tremendous resources for our development.

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The CNMI's Katie Peters, right, battle Chinese-Taipei's Hsieh I-Ling during their game in the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship 2010 Semifinals Competition at the Tainan County Stadium, in Tainan County, Taiwan, last week.

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Close wins for IT&E, Bank of Guam

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IT&E and Bank of Guam made great escape acts in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

IT&E eked out a 58-56 win over CPA-Accounting on Ryan Sanciangco's late-second layup, while Bank of Guam pulled off a 77-76 triumph over Micronesian Brokers, Inc. on David Palacios' free throw.

The victory was IT&E fifth in as many games, strengthening its hold to the top spot in the team standings, while the loss was also fifth in a row for CPA-Accounting.

CPA and IT&E had a close game that was decided only in the last three seconds of the match.

The game was tied last at 56-all after Elmer Esdrelon made his second free throw, with 23.6 seconds left in the game.

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IT&E's Bruce Berline loses his balance as he battles CPA-Accounting's Kirk Schuler, left, for the possession during their game in the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Gabriel extends European basketball experience

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After completing his two summer assignments, FIBA International referee Gabriel White of the Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands was invited as an observer of the national teams of Portuguese Basketball Federation.

White is now in Madrid, Spain, watching the Portuguese Men's and Women's Nationals compete against Estonia and Belgium.

"The games are held in the wonderful city of Coimbra, about two

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FIBA International referee Gabriel White, seen here at left with his fellow referees during the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament on Saipan in June, is currently in Madrid, Spain observing games of the men's and women's team of the Portuguese Basketball Federation.

Philippine connection

Carlos was three years old living in the southern Philippines. One day he was riding with his parents to deliver a load of corn. Coming down a dangerous mountain road, the brakes on the old truck failed and they would soon be flying off the mountain to certain death. The mother threw her son out the window. The boy suffered a broken ankle and a deep cut on his forehead but survived. His mother and father perished.

One day a mother died during childbirth, leaving the father with a baby girl to raise alone. He left the baby with his grandfather who after three days said, "If someone doesn't take this baby, I will throw her into the river!" Missionaries took that child, named her Queenie and provided her a new home.

Carlos and Queenie are two of the children from the orphanage supported by Florida Gator quarterback Tim Tebow which had been started by his parents near Lamsugod, Surallah, South Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippines.

Tebow's miracle birth is already legend and he hasn't even graduated from college yet. While working there, his mother caught amoebic dysentery. Medicine to treat life-threatening disease would harm the child. Doctors recommended she have an abortion. She refused and traveled north to better medical facilities for the delivery.

For the record, Tim was born in Makati, named for the biblical preacher Timothy and moved to Jacksonville, Florida when he was three years old. While his devout Christian parents would credit the Lord for what they called their miracle baby, credit must also go to the Philippine doctors and nurses.

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OFF THE BENCH

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